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#### Spirits and Strange Sights.

Christians believe an angel materialized in Christ's tomb, yet deny that it can be performed to-day; also they believe in the materialization of the Prophet Samuel for the woman of Endor, before King Saul in disguise. I believed materialization was a fraud, as the clergy had taught me for 30 years. Then I had the pleasure of visiting Hon. Freddie Poole with two Boston mediums, Mrs. Addie C. Littlefield and Miss Sears.

Poole's seance was superb. The spirits came as did the angel in the tomb of Christ. They came from the cabinet, from the floor at our feet, under the chairs, on the furniture, anywhere they saw fit. We saw them in a strong light, which made humbug impersonation impossible. We spoke to them, felt of them, saw them appear as a bit of fluttering white cloud of atoms and gradually consolidate and grow into the form of a man, woman or child. We saw old men, Indians, Indian pappooses, young ladies, old women, actresses, etc.

To say young Poole could impersonate all these, when often 3 or 4 would appear at once, is a fit claim only for the clergy. I and others searched the cabinet, which faced us from the front of a room facing on Shawmut Ave., and was ideally situated from every standpoint.

What to me proved the grand facts of Spiritualism was the materialization of "Mayflower," the Indian control of Miss Sears. A spirit of whose identity I had known but two years previously, and with whom I had often talked. Mayflower had often told me that she had a little Indian pappoose that she was taking care of in this earth sphere, and to my delight the little child came to her medium at this seance much to the amusement of the cabinet spirits, one of whom said, "What's that little babe doing around here?"

Mrs. Littlefield's Spanish spirit, "Floweret," came to us here also and I was supremely delighted as she had previously said that she would try and do so. I found that she and Mayflower were two distinct types. One the free, bold, easy and loving Indian maid; the other an imperial, reserved, haughty and exquisitely refined Spaniard, who says that she was a Princes in the Court of one of the Alphonso kings, while on earth, and that her medium is a re-incarnated spirit, who was the former wife and soulmate of Emanual. This latter spirit

has also materialized and spoken through various mediums, and has formed a great band of celebrated spirits who are organized to perform a special work in materialization, etc.

These facts are so authentic and easily verified that it would seem impossible to ignore them.

GEO. E. LOTHROP.

#### Spirits Find a Gold Mine.

Peter Martin and George E. Hall, the Turkish Consul, called on a trance medium in a spirit of foolery. During the trance the medium told Mr. Martin he would find a rich mine on his property. Shortly thereafter Mr. Martin was down at Palm Springs, in the desert. He set out from there with an Indian for a guide and after four days of rough traveling came to the great

Among other things he said I was going to strike a rich mine on some property I owned. I am interested in a mine up north here, and supposed he referred to that; but he said it was a thing I didn't know about now—that I was entirely ignorant of the existence of the mineral deposit on my property.

Really, some of the answers to the questions were marvelous, interrupted Consul Hall but we didn't think anything in particular about the prediction regarding the mine. I went to see the fellow again some time after that, but he had moved and the people in the house did not know where he had gone. He told me he was a German.

Well, I didn't think much about the revelations of the seance until I got down on the ranch and found that big ledge there.

After visiting my brother Andrew



Warner ranch, in San Diego county, which ranch is the property of himself, his brothers and his mother. At the ranch he found everybody wildly excited over a great ledge of sylvanite ore—the same ore which made Cripple Creek famous.

Owner of the Mine.

This is how he told of the incident, and Consul Hall coufirmed every word of the strange tale:

"We went to see this medium, Hall and I, just for a lark. The fellow told me to write on a piece of paper my name, address, occupa-

What occupation did you state? Farmer.

I also wrote a lot of questions. The medium did not take the paper on which I had written, nor did he touch it; but he told me my name was Peter Martin, gave my address, said he couldn't tell my occupation, and answered some of the questions in a most surprising fashion.

at Palm Springs, down in the desert, I took an Indian for a guide and rode off over the sands and the mountains for the Warner ranch. The trail was through a very rough country, and I was four days in making the journey. There is a far easier way to get to the ranch, however—by way of the railroad to Temecucla, and one day's drive arcross country.

Turkish Consul.

Well, I had some notion of going down to the Sierra Pintada district in Baja California, just for the adventure of the thing. I hadn't the faintest idea that there was any mineral deposit on the ranch which it would pay to work. But when I reached the rancho I found a great excitement over the discoveries on this great ledge, which extends through our property. So there was my mine, just as the medium said I would find it.

I honestly believe it will turn

out another Cripple Creek, he said, enthusiastically, and all my chums are going to have a share in the good fortune. If it turns out all right there will be enough for all. I am going to send a mining expert into that country right away, and if his report is satisfactory we will set up a cyanide plant or whatever machinery is necessary for milling and working the product of the ledge.

Of course, I'm not a miner myself, and in my statements I have to depend largely on what other people, whom I consider reliable, have told me. But I have seen that great dyke of granite running across the country, and against this is piled this rich ore in an immense deposit. The ore is carried in a graphite formation, and is very refractory. That is the reason nothing has been done with the ledge before. The people down there didn't know how to handle the rock and did not know that it was gold-bearing. But recently an assayer came in there who knew how to treat the ore, and the excitement was caused by his discovery how phenominally rich the stuff is.

The mining men say the ore is sylvanite, very like the Cripple Creek ore, and there certainly seems to be a vast quantity of it on the surface. I am not one-half as wild over the find as the people in the country there are. I expect they will be angry with me for talking about it, for they have been trying to keep the matter quiet until they could get all their locations made.

Has much work been done on the

ledge?

There has been more or less prospecting, but very little development work. As I have said, one mine has been sold. This belonged to Captain Stanford or Stranford, or some such name, and he sold it for \$150,000 to Mr. Clark, who is interested in the Republic mine in Washington, and in the Buffalo Hump country in Montana. Thirty thousand dollars have been paid down. On this mine is a shaft about 60 feet deep, and Captain Stranford told me he got out ore at that depth which went \$5,000 to the ton. I was inclined to disbelieve him, but mining men tell me that sylvanite and other tellurides run up in the thousands in that way.

There are remains of old Spanish workings in that country, and the stories go that the Jesuits who established the early missions and the Franciscans who succeeded them knew how to work the ores and made the vessels of their church service out of the silver and gold they found there.

Much of the ranch is in a pocket of the hills—say about 70,000 acres. Around this pocket are high mountains, through which are four passes. The fact is, there is a great ore belt down there. I think this mine of Colonel Trumbo and Sam Shortridge—the Golden Cross, it used to be called—belongs on the same formation, and I am going to talk with them about it. Meanwhile I hope we'll strike it as rich as I think we will. Then all my friends will have money to play with.—San Francisco Examiner.

#### Faith or Knowledge.

Some seem to doubt the fineness of psychic laws and want to know what writers mean by speaking of such. They seem to think that such things do not amount to much. These laws, to a true psychic, consist of "seeing, hearing and feeling." Persons cannot, under what is termed the material or worldly condition, adjust themselves to these laws, or fit the laws to themselves. To be successful mediums, they must be able to so control their own organism that when doing medial work, they can put SELF and the WORLD practically out of existence, for the time being. This is what materialists cannot do.

When persons say they know nothing of psychic laws and doubt the statement of those who do know them, they must be selfish, ignorant or lack comprehensive grasp. "I believe So-and-So is right." A belief is theory only, and theory amounts to practically nothing, comparatively speaking. It is the knowledge that comes through practice, or investigation in anything that counts. It brings to the mind perfect knowledge, so that one may say, "I do not guess; I do not think; BUT I KNOW." When a person gets a theory, or idea, he should carefully dissect it, and see if it has the microbes of untruth in it; if it has, it should at once be cast away forever.

DR. R. A. DAVIS. Maitland, Mo.

#### Interview with a Clergyman.

I have been thinking over the remarks of the reverends on the subject of Spiritualism since my communication published last week, and I visited the Rev. Mr. Woodward and profferred my services to investigate scientifically the subject of spiritual phenomena and Spiritualism. But he would have none of it.

He freely admitted that he had investigated the subject, only on the outside, and did not wish to investigate. He slurred believers. They were frauds, bad people, and devils influenced them.

I had the pleasure of telling him that I had in my pocket a license of long standing to preach for the Methodists, and that I had been a member 50 years and had my certificate of good standing in membership, but could no longer remain with them because of their dogmas. I was a Methodist minister in South Bend, Ind., 20 years, and a known Spiritualist, and by agreement with the church that I should have full liberty of opinion, I took letters from them for myself and family when I moved to Chicago.

I remarked to Mr. Woodward that the Spiritualists were as good as to morals, business and principles generally, as Methodists or any other class of people, preachers not excepted. He demurred to that, but admitted his ignorance and disinclination to investigate.

He informed me they had an opportunity to obtain information through Bishop Garrison. I said to him, "Yes, he is a man who

confesses to having fraudulently obtained money from a great many people during many years, knowing he was a fraud, and now you would believe him. You can believe him and condemn the people who believe as the bible-writers did."

I referred him to the woman of Endor and Samuel's spirit; also to Moses and his slate-writing, and said to him, "The Bible from Genesis to Revelations is full of proof of ancient and modern Spiritualism the same in character as that he condemns." He denied, of course.

Let Mr. Garrison preach to the Methodists and others. He will make converts to Spiritualism faster than I can. His counterfeit will be proof of a genuine coin. I have seen too much genuine phenomena, and proved by long and patient investigation the genuine and true, to be led astray by Garrison or Hermann; to take their fakes and pass them as true coin.

If Spiritualism has gained fifteen millions of believers in our country in 50 years, what may we not expect in the next 50 years? Then such men as the Rev. Woodward will be as scarce in the religious world as the Garrisons are in the world of frauds to-day?

I find men and women almost every day who are thinking themselves outside of so-called *orthodoxy*, G. W. CARPENDER, M. D.



Thou starry ensign of the free, On many an island of the sea, O'er all thy great home floating; Thy folds shall ever faithful fly To all beneath the arching sky. True human rights promoting.

When the Occident has kissed good-night,
The Orient greets with morning light
Thy brilliant colors streaming;
As 'round the earth they gayly float,
On rampart or on armored boat,
The rights of man redeeming.

Brave hearts and true have loved thee well;
On many a hard-fought field they fell,
To live in "song and story."
Thou glorious emblem of the free,
Thy ever faithful devotee
Will not forget their "Glory."

Will not forget their "Glory."

We, their offspring, here proclaim
Thee standard of undying fame,
In freedom's reportory.

All who gave their lives for thee,
All our lands from sea to sea,
Have christened thee "Old Glory."

J. Marion Gale.

#### A Letter to a Clergyman.

Rev. John A. B. Wilson,

643 Howard St., San Francisco.

DEAR SIR:—In the Examiner and
Chronicle of last Tuesday I notice
the remarks of yourself and several
other clergymen upon the subject
of Spiritualism. With those opinions before me I feel like asking a
few questions:

1. If the phenomena produced in the name of Spiritualism is fraud, or mostly fraud, is it not strange that, as a distinct religious movement, it has existed for fifty years; that a number of papers have been maintained in different parts of the world during all of this time, and a great number of books published?

2. If under the reign of immutable law an evil spirit can commu-

nicate, why cannot a good spirit communicate?

3. Since our chief happiness comes from association and communication with our loved ones, what is there devilish or undesirable in having the members of the household who have lain down the outer garb tell us that they still live, and that they continue to love and cherish us and reveal something of the new life into which they have entered, and where we must inevitably follow?

4. When one dearly beloved is absent from us in another part of the earth, is it better to have knowledge of where they are and what they are doing a blank, or is it more satisfying to receive letters and messages from them?

5. Is there a limit, or can a human being be limited, in the discovery of truth, except by the limitations of his own mind to grasp and comprehend truth?

6. If a person is possessed of psychic powers, such as clairvoyance, clairaudience, the power of seeing spiritual objects and hearing spiritual sounds,—faculties which are quicker and keener than the outward eye or ear,—is it not their sacred duty to use them? Is there any function of our being which should not be used? Is not the fact of possession, proof that they should be used?

7. After the wonderful discoveries of the secrets of nature, and the achievements of the human mind during the past fifty years in material things, and their application to human progress, can we not, as reasonable beings, expect that there will be progress and discovery in spiritual things as well?

8. Is there any proof whatever that the spirit-world is far away?

9. Is all knowledge of spiritual verities confined to the ancients?

10. Whose statement is likely to be most correct—those who have given Spiritualism an exhaustive investigation for years, and declared communication between the two worlds to be a fact, or those who, like Bishop Moreland, say they have never attended a seance, and pronounce it mainly fraud, with a little leakage from the Devil's kingdom?

11. Has anything been accomplished, when death is no longer the "king of terrors?"

I beg to impress upon you that when it comes to important matters, and when we speak through a daily paper to tens of thousands, we want to be absolutely sure of our ground. The fact that Spiritualism proclaims a great vital truth, and attempts to demonstrate it; that it has steadily advanced in the face of persecution for fifty years, such as all truths have had to overcome; that some of the ablest minds, after a most scientific, long and rigid investigation, could come to no other satisfactory conclusion, except that Spiritualism is what it asserts itself to be; this certainly should cause men who speak in the pulpit to hesitate in such wholesale condemnation until they have personally given it the most profound and searching investigation, and listened to the testimony of competent witnesses. Bishop Moreland says he has never been to a seance. Under that statement it would be the part of wisdom to remain silent. Rev. Mr. Haweis, also of the Episcopal Church, has investigated mediumship, and he says most emphatically that good spirits can and do communicate.

I see that the Methodist clergy have appointed a committee to make arrangements with Bishop Garrison to show them how spiritual phenomena can be simulated. I am slightly acquainted with Mr. Garrison. If he gives the committee the same information he has given me, he will say that he believes there is genuine phenomena, and that he believes in the philosophy and teachings of Spiritualism, and that it is utterly impossible for him to do, under like circumstances, what genuine mediums do. If the committee will take a pair of slates to him which are fastened together, keep them in their hands, and never let Mr. Garrison or anyone else touch them, he will not produce any writing upon them. But this does occur with honest mediums.

I have been a Spiritualist for 25 years, and I know that, given the same conditions, neither those who attempt to expose, nor those who practice fraud, can begin to do what is done through mediums.

That fraud is practiced in the name of Spiritualism by base and ignoble persons, there is no question, but Spiritualism is no more to be judged by these than is Christianity to be judged by the libertines and lawbreakers who quite frequently disgrace the pulpit. I should say there may be one-fourth of those who claim to be mediums are not. No class of people deplore fraud and deceit of any kind more than Spiritualists, and by organized effort they are unmasking the fakirs as fast as possible, and endeavoring to uproot and destroy their nefarious occupation.

I am well aware that many foolish things are said and done in connection with Modern Spiritualism. But what system of religion is exempt from this? I have seen Christians who claimed to be under the direct guidance of the Holy Ghost, and they said and did things that were most absurd, and it was fortunate for them that they were not before a lunacy commission.

If the Methodist clergy have solved the problem and settled the whole question, namely, that the most of it is fraud, and the balance of it is the work of evil spirits, why do they waste their valuable time with Mr. Garrison?

But since they have stepped aside to consider the matter a little, why not take the devil by the horns and go to the root of the matter in a direct and positive way?

A million counterfeits will never balance one genuine fact. How would it sound to appoint a committee to arrange for sittings with some mediums in San Francisco who are recommended by good and reputable citizens, and are known to be of excellent character and strict integrity, and that the investigation be conducted without any prejudice, and in a state of mind that has not already been made up? That is the only way to really test the matter.

The Examiner quotes you as saying: "There is not one thing done by Spiritualists, however, that is not susceptible of complete explanation and refutation," For several years I have been reading the numerous and elaborate explanations and refutations; they do not explain, they do not refute, and they have been abandoned one after another and new ones taken up. To accept them is to pervert common sense, and calls for greater credulity than it does to just naturally accept what this outside intelligence and power manifesting says of itself, namely, we are the once inhabitants of earth. The devil explanation is always a last resort and very popular with ministers.

It is the weakest argument of all, and does not mean anything to the majority of people to-day. It is

not worth discussing.

Ignorance says that Spiritualism has contributed nothing new to the knowledge of the world. The fact is, it has shed a flood of light on things that are most vital to the happiness and welfare of every human being. Its pages are sparkling and luminous with fresh thought and knowledge. The sole reason why it is assailed in some quarters is, because it comes with new truths and new claims, and because its irresistible power is being felt in the homes of earth. There is nothing in the universe that can lift the bowed with grief so quickly, or light up the face of woe with such radiance, as the simple message of Spiritualism: "They are by your side; you may hear their comforting words of love; you may feel the old caress; with tearless eyes you may gaze upon the well-known features, of which there are no duplicates."

Spiritualism rests upon the solid rock of fact; its throne of reason is immovable; its truth will fill the

I have not written expecting a reply, for I know you must be overbusy in your manifold duties, but with the hope that you might seriously reconsider your position on this subject. I beg you to remember that there are thousands of noble souls who have been and are identified with this movement, and among them some of the brightest minds the world has ever produced; that they sought truth alone and were willing to follow wherever it lead them. Also that there are not a few in the Christian pulpit who confess to the belief that direct communication between the two worlds is established. Respectfully G. H. HAWES. yours,

# Slow Progress.

San Francisco, June 23, 1899.

In noting the prize fight between Jeffries and Fitzsimmons an influential paper says: "The reign of Fitzsimmons was short but glorious." There don't seem to be much progress in conception of the object of existence from the time of Plato, nearly 2,400 years ago, to this age, judging from the above characterization of the pugilists' "glorious record" and the fact that many thousands of dollars was paid to see the battle. The Grecian philosopher in criticising the performance of a skillful charioteer said:

"The time profusely squandered there On vulgar arts beneath thy care, If well employed at less expense Had taught thee honor, virtue, sense, And raised thee from a coachman's fate To govern men and guide the State."

Perhaps the mischievous doctrine of the atonement and consequent belief that one's sins may be transferred to another person, has had a pernicious effect in the moral growth of humanity. QUAKER.

#### "A Human Soul."

The above words are the subject of an article by Mrs. Loe F. Prior in the Journal of June 1, on which I desire to state my views. Mrs. Prior questioned the justice of the suffering and deformities of some and the beauty and happiness of others. Reincarnation can only explain this seeming injustice, and if the wheels of justice grind slow they have a right to "grind exceeding fine."

We must not judge, but let us look about us to-day and think

what would be really just to punish some of those who began life with us in our land, and by man-made laws their fortunes became so enormous they can almost rule kingdoms, and forgetting love for their old neighbors, their own land, live riotous lives, away from their people. There are scores of them absentee landlords, who have no love or pity for those who toil and suffer while they are enjoying the wealth others produce.

When we behold the life of one woman millionaire, how it began in poverty, followed by an unhappy marriage, a divorce, keeping a boarding house for rough miners, then another marriage to a rich mining man, and when money was over abundant in her treasury, by stock manipulations (that means stealing under the cover of the law from poor hypnotized dupes), she finds America not good enough for her home. Her money is brought from our people by their toil and sweat, but she resides in old Europe and says, "its my money and I'll do what I please with it."

God or good is so full of love that he wants every thing, even to lost souls to come within the love vibrations; so when this millionaire returns to dwell among men in her next incarnation, she may come as hideous, as crippled as the one Mrs. Prior describes; she may even be lower, so that no one will even deign to give her pity, but her sufferings will teach her soul to express pity, which is love.

"There is a judgment coming." In all our lives we must "watch, and be prepared, for the bridegroom comes in an hour we know not of." The occult meaning is that we must watch our lives and thoughts, and have the golden rule to go by, as a test and touchstone, for every act and word, lest our character (Karma) marks us by territing formities, mental or physical, to carry down the ages.

When two millionaire belles meet in Newport, there is expected to be war in the social world, to see which one can be gowned the most gorgeously and be the most extravagent in expenditures. The sins those two people are piling up for themselves can not be expressed in English, Buddha would say of them, "they will have to see a hundred incarnations to learn to overcome self, to cease their jealousy and envy." Jesus would say, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven." And that all shows that only those who have nothing and live just as honest and pure as they can, will attain the rest and abode of the angels.

The judgment day comes every day and hour to the human soul, and man is his own judge and jury; he returns to earth-life to wipe out selfishness, envy, jealousy, malice, cruelty, and revenge, and while we are here in the body we ought to be taught that there is no repentance, only a working out of bad deeds by right ones.

A great cycle is about closing; the judgment day is close at hand, and already the handwriting is on the wall. The millionaires are being "called home" by heart failure, etc., to an alarming extent; the wicked in high places, the corrupt and corruptors are trembling, for before 1901, the world will be swept like a threshing floor, and those who want to be among the chosen must learn to be wise in their understandings and let their souls be filled with good thoughts and deeds.

AUVERGNE L. ASTOR, M. D.

Next National Convention.

A great and timely work devolves upon the coming National Convention, to be held in Chicago in October. Greater possibly than at any time since we became an organized

Only the best and truest representatives of our cause should be delegated to do the work of that convention. Men and women whose interests are in and for the upbuilding of our organic work, and of the high standing of our order in its elevating and spiritualizing purposes and aims-men and women of clear thought, of experience, ability, determination and dignity of character.

We are brought face to face with facts which are in high color and disfigurement against our fair name and integrity which must be met, as men and women of high purposes meet ever-recurring incidents in normal affairs in every-day life.

We may have a very airy, dreamy, Spiritualistic and sentimental faith —too beautiful and too true to ever die, while hearts are breaking and love abides. But the more sacred and ethereal the fabric of our faith, the more carefully should it be guarded and girt about by fortifications of protection. Not every winged thing that hovers above the rose and forget-me-not is an industrious bee, of well ordered hive and the harvester of sweet treasure. There are destroyers and drones to every hive and the ill omened moth to be dispelled and all to be watched, and a guard put upon every cellrepository, lest the whole be destroyed and lost.

We have practical, earnest, honest and difficult work to do—and without delay, to build up and restore and make whole our spiritual domain—and I believe the eyes of all our most earnest people are turned towards the congress to convene in Chicago, in the early autumn.

This will be the closing, and I may add the culminating convention of the century for us, for verily if no firm stand, and no matured plans are taken, or put into execution for the demolition of false altars, it will be of little use to attempt to turn back the overwhelming tide of spurious spiritual (?) phenomena which menaces us on every hand. The enemy is not an outside foe, but within our own domain. We ought to be able with the divine light of which we talk so well and learnedly, to so adjust our future work from that date as to give us a new impetus, and a self-confident energy in the closing out of our account for the old-and opening up of the new centuries—that will dispel all doubt of our future greatness and success.

Shall we strike the right key, or falter, where to falter means our dissolution?

I still have faith in the hands that guide and the light that leads, and believe that if we consecrate ourselves to this effort, the work will be blessed in its consummation.

That there is need of heroic measures, none will deny-that there are fearless and conscientious adherents and workers sufficient to rehabilitate, and crown our faith with the dignity and honor that should be her coronet, let none doubt. Let us then arouse, and with a vigor and zeal worthy of those who claim to walk in a higher light—the light of higher guidance -strive to make that convention a

memorable one in our history, not alone in numbers, but in acts which may be the deliberations of that body and our future line of action?

We can do it if we will—and if we are true to our standard—if we will break our personal idols and are ready to work for the general good of the great whole.

ADDIE L. BALLOU.

Pensions.—There is an unmistakable drift in all civilized countries toward the idea of pensioning very old men and women who have no natural supporters and no adequate resources of their own. The proposal to pension college professors, teachers and ministers, helps the movement along.—Exch.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., JULY 6, 1899.

A Declaration of Principles is being called for. The four which were submitted to the last National Convention may be found on page 5. Societies are requested to select by vote the one of their choice, and certify the same to the National Convention to be held in Chicago next October. This is not a creed, but a Declaration of Principles recognized by Spiritualists.

Skeptical.—In one of the largest Universities of the country, a professor said to Gen. Booth: "Half of our divinity students are skeptical, which is about the same proportion as prevails amongst the professors who instruct them in theology." This shows the trend of public opinion. Those who can swallow the old dogmas, are getting fewer every day. "Light is breaking in the skies."

Dr.Gunsalus, of Chicago, spoke before the Illinois Congregational Association, at Kewanee, Ill., on May 18, and said that he believed that some of the best of modern poets were even more inspired than Solomon or David. Some of the more orthodox ministers were amazed at the heresy expressed by such a prominent and popular preacher, who remarked that "unprogressive orthodoxy is the worst of heresies." After the address Dr. Gunsalus said: "I suppose they call that heresy. One gets rather tired of the appellation of heretic, now that there are so many placed under it. The world is progressing and orthodoxy is getting broader."

Yes; if the church does not progress it must die. There is no alternative.

140 Years ago, Spiritualism existed and its adherents were punished by law. Mr. T. E. Morgan, Torch that he recently found an old spirit return in 1760, in West Smith-

field, London, the very place where so many "heretics" were publicly burnt at the stake. This book gives the conversation in which the spirits answered by knocks, etc., (one, yes; two, no, and showing displeasure by scratching). The persons connected with it were indicted for conspiracy, and the man in whose house it occurred was sentenced to stand three times in the piliory and inprisonment for two years; his wife one year, and the servant, (who was the medium) six months at Bridewell. Then the priests dictated the course of law, and persecuted with unrelenting and fiendish malignity. It would do so still if it had the power, but thank Heaven, that day has forever passed. "The world is moving on," and progressing upward,

Higher Thought.—Rev. Burt Estes Howard, of Los Angeles, Cal., has left the First Presbyterian Church there, to take a chair in the Stanford University. In an interview he said:

Do I believe in the inspiration of the Bible, in the resurrection of Jesus, and in the virginity of Mary? No; I cannot say that I do. My ideas have changed regarding nearly all generally accepted religious tenets. My beliefs have not changed suddenly, but in the slow course of the last half-dozen years. Simple faith in the Scriptures has given way to an irresistible belief in what is called the higher criticism in religious thought.

The brightest minds and the most thoughtful persons are leaving the church, because being enlightened, they cannot longer endorse the foolish old dogmas of the dark ages. They grow beyond them to higher thought and better conceptions of eternal truth.

An Old Friend.—One of our oldest subscribers in Oregon, writes:

I have taken the JOURNAL about 25 years, but my wife and myself are old and sick and can now do nothing to make a living. All we have to live on is a small pension, so you will please stop sending us the Journal, but it is like parting with our best friend. We wish the JOURNAL and its editor a long life of usefulness.  $\mathbf{E}.\ \mathbf{M}.$ 

No. We shall not stop sending it, under such circumstances. We credit it for another year, and charge it up to the "Col. Hopkins Fund." Though that fund is already overdrawn, we feel sure some who are able will add to it in the near future. It has done much good missionary work and should be liberally sustained.

Bishop Moreland has now made an attack on Christian Scientists, and the scientists in this city met on June 27 to defend themselves. Mr. Gale called for testimony on what Christian Science had done for those present, and about 300 responded by arising. Then all those who had been cured by Christian Science, after exhausting all other means, were asked to arise, and 150 did so. The Bishop of Sheffield, England, writes to the is evidently "in for a fight," just for the notoriety it will give him. book which gives an account of His attack only shows his ignorance of the things he condemns.

#### Spirit=Rapping in China.

The following article was cut from a San Francisco paper, and pasted into a scrapbook between 40 and 50 years ago, and has just been sent to the Journal by Mrs. Agnes White. It shows that the phenomena of Spiritualism was known in China before the Hydesville knock-

The fact stated in the late news from China that phenomena known as Spiritual Manifestations have long been commonly known in the Celestial Kingdom, will attract considerable attention in the States, and is a fact of importance as a matter of science and history. It is now acknowledged by the highest authorities that there is something in these rappings, not dreamed of in our philosophy ten years since. Tables will move, and knocks will be heard, and the spirits of the departed will pretend to speak by the agency of persons unconscious of any deception. What the ultimate solution of the puzzle is to be, we know not; but the puzzle exists, and it is not a mere juggler's trick. The testimony of Dr. Macgowan, of Shanghae, a gentleman of established reputation as a zealous missionary, and an excellent Biblical and Chinese scholar, that table-turning, and rapping, and communications from departed spirits, were common in China ten years ago, is not to be doubted. How long spirit-rapping prevailed in China previous to his arrival, he does not state, but his words imply that it was for many years. The methods of raising the spirits were similar to ours, and circles about tables were to be found, as he says, in almost every house; though, according to Dr. Macgowan, it was fashionable for the Ningpo tables to turn upside down, and perform their evolutions feet up. The Western World is thus deprived of its claim to priority in another discovery; though the spirit-rappings are entirely different in their nature from the great mechanical inventions claimed to have been made by the Chinese.

The civilization of ancient Greece and Rome produced high excellence in the intellectual sciences and fine arts; political, moral, and religious philosophy, poetry, painting, sculpture, architecture, and eloquence were cultivated with success by perhaps a greater proportion of the population than in any modern community. Modern civilization began with mechanical inventions, and took a path in a direction entirely different from that of ancient civilization. The inventions of the mariner's compass, powder, moveable types, paper, and of many articles of small machinery of less importance, gave birth to a new era when the mainstays of civilization changed from the fine arts to the mechanic arts, from the intellectual sciences to the physical sciences. To-day the chemist, astronomer, physiologist, the inventors of the steam engine, the magnetic telegraph, the spinning jenny, and the cotton gin, lead civilization to new conquests, instead of the poets, and painters, and sculptors who were the leaders 2,000 years since. And yet, when we attempt to boast of our civilization as superior to that of the Greeks and Romans, we are told that we owe our success to the compass, and powder, and printing, which were really of Chinese origin; and now the glory of the Middle Kingdom acquires another ray from the spiritual rappings.

#### The Reviewer.

BETTER-WORLD PHILOSOPHY, a Sociological Synthesis, by J. Howard Moore; 275 pages, Chicago, The Ward-Waugh Company; \$1.00.

The author being dissatisfied with the egoism of the day, enters his protest, feeling sure that the future has better things in store for humanity. He outlines an altruistic education, and insists that prevailing systems of education are wrong, as they are based upon the stimulation of egoism. Mr. Moore writes with clearness and force. The book is interesting, original and forcible, and will cause its readers to think on the social problems, and must have a beneficial influence.

The July Coming Age opens the second volume of this vigorous and able Boston review. The frontispiece is an admirable full-page portrait of the Rev. Heber Newton, and the eminent Episcopalian divine contributes a conversation of exceptional interest on "The Progress of the Past Fifty Years."

Rev. W. G. Todd appears in one of the most masterly philosophical papers of recent months, entitled "A Theory of Immortality." It is a discussion that thinking men and women everywhere should carefully read. The departments of Authentic Dreams and Visions, Health Through Rational Living, The Passing Day, Editorials and Book of the Day, are unusually rich in thoughtful and timely matter.

The Coming Age has taken a front rank among the able reviews of present-day thought. It is optimistic and constructive in character, and aims to educate and stimulate the moral as well as intellectual side of life. The department devoted to Health Through Rational Living is a feature of real value and very essential to those who appreciate the fact that the body, brain and soul each require consideration.

The Homiletic Review for July is full of discussions of vital problems. Professor Sayce, of Oxford, fresh from his winter explorations on the Nile, writes of "The Witness of the Egyptian Monuments to the Old Testament," summarizing the results of the recent discoveries in Egypt in their bearing upon the Bible. Monthly by Funk & Wagnalls Co., 30 Lafayette Place, New York. \$3.00 a year.

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This is the Camping season.

#### Declaration of Rrancaples.

Local societies please read the following four Declarations of Principles, and submit your choice to the N. S. A. Convention of 1899, to be held in Chicago next October.

MARY T.LONGLEY, Sec. N.S.A.

#### FIRST DECLARATION.

Presented to the N. S. A. Convention, 1898, in Washington, D. C., by Hon. H. D. BARRETT, President:

I respectfully recommend the following for your consideration:

ing for your consideration:
Spiritualism stands for (a) a Universal Principle of Life; (b) Truth, the revelator of that life, and the gleaner of wisdom; (c) Immortality, the divine inheritance of the race; (d) Eternal Progression, the sublime destiny of man; (e) Spirit Return, a demonstrated fact in Nature; (f) Sympathy, the principle that unifies the race on earth; (g) Love, the lever by which men are lifted out of sin and ignorance and higher and holier sin and ignorance and higher and holier conditions brought in among men.
This is the declaration I once made in

an important case in this city years ago. It stood the test then, and I see no reason why it should not do so again.

#### SECOND DECLARATION.

Presented by the committee on resolutions—E.W.Bond, chairman:

We, as Spiritualists, do not believe in a creed to be used as a test of fellowship, but the following is a Declaration of Principles most commonly accepted by us:

Resolved, That Spiritualism rests on Science, and that it has scientifically

demonstrated the following facts, viz.:
1. That there is an objective spiritworld, of varying grades, enveloping the earth, which is as tangible and real to those living in that world as the earth is

2. That it is peopled with men, women and children who previously were inhabitants of this world.

3. That there are laws in nature which, when understood, enable those people to hold communion with those still in the flesh.

4. That so-called death makes no change whatever, upon individual character, but that one enters the spiritworld in the spirit-body as absolutely the same person in all respects as he was

5. That the full and most important consequences of earth-life are not and cannot be experienced on earth, hence without knowledge revealed from the future world one knows not and can not know fully how he ought to live, nor the truth he ought to teach while here.

6. That in the spirit-world the way is open for each one to advance in the scale of life, in proportion as he discovers and obeys the laws of soul-growth.

7. Spirits uniformly testify that their future condition would have been greatly improved, had they investigated and understood before leaving the earth, the fact and principles of spirit-return.

8. That on the question of who, what or where God is, Spiritualism gives us no absolute, final and demonstrated knowledge out leaves it for each one to by the light of his own underdetermi It is no part of Spiritualism to dogr. tize or state theories, but simply to state demonstrated facts.

#### THIRD DECLARATION.

Declaration of Principles adopted at the Golden Jubilee:

1. We acknowledge an unlimited intelligence in the Universe, in which we are all partakers.

2. The highest expression of this unlimited intelligence, we recognize, is the reason and intuition of the human

We recognize nature as one infinite whole, and phenomena as the expression of life, energy and intelligence, imminent in the constitution of things.

4. Spiritual phenomena, through the ages, have demonstrated that man is a spirit, and the change called death is one of the evolutionary steps in his progressive development.

5. We maintain the truth of spirit communion, and seek to aid in all possible ways, its practical demonstration.

6. Intercourse between the living and so-called dead is the natural sequence of human relations on earth. It proves that death does not change the nature of man, but reveals to him new aspects of life and further opportunities for the unfoldment and exercise of the intellectual and moral faculties inherent in

every human being.
We endorse the objects expressed in all noble reforms, as illustrated in the following:

1. In the efforts to secure equal jus-

tice for all races and classes, and both

2. To protect innocent and helpless childhood, by educating parents, in the laws and duties of life and love, by which the home may become the center of purity, fidelity and mutual devotion and

3. By treating all sin and crime as a disease, and establishing schools and asylums for their proper treatment and permanent cure.

4. By encouraging temperance in all things, and relying upon moral and social education as the remedy for all forms of abuses.

5. By co-operation and fraternization, as the remedy for political and industrial

6. By recognition of the brotherhood of man, and loving toleration of all differences of faith and practice in religion.

7. By teaching and cultivating reverence for truth and a sacred regard for the interest, rights and well-being of every child of nature.

8. By persistent, orderly efforts to improve ourselves, and especially by cultivating a closer relation with the Spirit-ual Universe, and obtaining a practical knowledge of the higher life by unfolding our own spiritual natures and seeking the healthful co-operation of the Spirit-

9. By inspiring all men with faith in themselves and confidence in the eternal order of nature, as perpetual incentive to courageous effort and success in welldoing.

FOURTH DECLARATION.

Declaration of Principles, as adopted by the State Association of California. September, 1898:

WHEREAS, Spiritualists believe in liberty, and will not be bound by dogmatic creeds, which enslave the mind and destroy the spiritual nature,

Therefore, We present to the world, instead, a simple Statement of Principles, which are susceptible of differentiation and growth, until they satisfy the minds of all reasonable thinkers. This statement is a consensus of opinion and an expression of the collective mind of the Spiritualists of America; and the purpose of its adoption and publication is to serve as a basis for organization and is to serve as a basis for organization and propaganda; and for information to investigators and Spiritualists, and is subject to revision and change by the people—or their representatives—assembled in an orderly manner for that pur-

DEFINITION.—Spiritualism is a scientific, philosophical religion, and embraces the science of life, the philosophy of existence and the religion of humanity.

2. Life.—Life is universal and eternal. Organic Life manifests itself as intellect, sensibilities and will. The unity of life involves that common sympathy among men which creates the desire for communion with our fellows, and enables decarnate spirits to communicate with those still in the flesh.

3. Mission.—The mission of Spiritualism in the world is, primarily, to establish a rational religion in the minds of men, founded upon the operation of Nature's laws; to wage an educational warfare upon ignorance, superstition and all forms of Supernaturalism; and, in consonance with Universal Brotherhood, to establish the solidarity of the human race through the dissemination of a knowledge of man's relation to his fellow man—to this end, being in active sympathy with all genuine reforms looking to the betterment of the social conditions of humanity, including the elevation of woman.

4. Deity.—Alexander Pope, the poet, gave expression to the most comprehensive definition of Deity and man's relation thereto, in these words:

"All are but parts of one stupendous whole, Whose body nature is, and God the soul."

5. CREATION.—There are two fundamental elements in nature which are immortal and indestructible. They are called "matter" and "spirit." The various phenomena of the universe are differentiations of these primary elements. Change, adaptation and evolution are the three great factors in the progressive economy of nature.

6. Progression.—The watchword of Spiritualism is "Eternal Progression." This is a progressive universe; this is a progressive world, and man is a progressive being. Speculations, opinions and theories, in regard to methods, are of secondary importance.

7. CONTINUITY OF LIFE. — Human experience affirms, the operation of Nature's laws confirms, and intelligent communication from those who have passed through the change called death proves, that man has a continued, inteligent existence after the dissolution of the physical body.

8. Man's Individuality.—The paramount tendency of evolutionary develop-

ment is to the individualization of the human spirit as an immortal entity, and this individuality being attained, the soul must assume the responsibilities of eternal existence, and by taking advantage of opportunities will be enabled to rise to heights of great mental and spiritual unfoldment.

itual unfoldment.

9. Death.—The physical body is the house in which man lives while passing through the experience of earth-life. When this is no longer habitable, he passes into another sphere of existence. This change—or transition—is called death, and the conditions in which man finds himself after this change is called the spirit-world.

10. Spirit-World.—The spirit-world is a natural state of existence, originated and sustained by natural law; including many varied conditions or spheres corresponding to the variant intellectual, moral and spiritual planes of its inhabitants. At physical death each human soul passes into a condition in correspondence with its degree of unfoldment, ethical and spiritual; and under the law of eternal progression, through continued aspiration and effort, it is destined to outgrow its imperfections, and ever increase in goodness, knowledge, wisdom

and happiness as the endless ages roll.

11. Mediums.—The agents through whom the spirit-world communicates are called mediums, and may be classified as follows: inspirational speakers and writers; test mediums, or those through whom direct personal messages come; mediums who heal the sick through spirit aid; physical mediums for the production of objective phenomena; and various other classes of mediums through whom are produced many other manifestations on the physical and mental planes.

12. ETHICS; OR, THE SCIENCE OF RIGHT-LIVING.—Man shall live right and do right because it is right, without hope of reward or fear of punishment. Temperance should be observed in all things, including speech and conduct.

13. Organization.—Spiritual societies should be formed upon a spiritual basis. Character and usefulness should be the qualifications for membership, and financial considerations should be secon-

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Dr. Schlesinger has lately been in Chattanooga, Tenn., and has caused quite a stir there, if we may judge by the daily papers of that city. The Times of June 19, contains a long article concerning his visit from which we extract the following:

A Times reporter yesterday called upon Mr. Schlesinger at his rooms in the Miller block. He was not told that the reporter intended to visit him, and great care was taken that no one else should be informed of the fact for fear that his identity would be disclosed. As the reporter reached the threshold, Mr. Schlesinger was noticed seated at a table, apparently buried in thought. He glanced up as the threshold was crossed, seemed alert and pervous in a second and beckening and nervous in a second, and beckoning to the reporter, called him by name rapidly two or three times; he uttered both the given and the surname repeatedly. The reporter was surprised and asked him how he knew his name. He replied that his spirit brother gave it to him. So far as the reporter knows, he never saw or heard of him before and it was not possible that anyone could have given him his name, as he informed no

one of the intended visit.

As the reporter sat by his side he uttered the name of the deceased father of his visitor, calling the given and surname, and also the given name of several recently deceased relatives, giving the correct name in each instance correct name in each instance.

He asked the reporter to write down on a sheet of paper eight or ten names, two of which should be of parties de-

ceased. He then walked out of the room.

The reporter wrote the names very carefully on the sheet, taking pains to turn the written side down before the medium re-entered.

The medium, keeping the blank side up, then tore the sheet into strips, handing each strip as torn, to the reporter, who quickly folded them into a very

small square and placed them in a hat.
The folded papers were then taken from the hat, one by one, the medium holding the other hand of the reporter. The folded slips were not touched by the medium, but as the reporter grasped each slip, the medium would call the name written inside, and state whether it was of a person living or dead. He correctly pronounced the full name of the deceased persons, the slips containing them being at the time firmly in the closed hand of the reporter, but the latter did not know which slip he had until after the name was pronounced and the slip examined.

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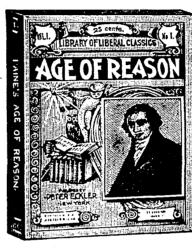
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# Local News Summary.

Edited by M. S. NORTON.

Reception to George P. Colby.-Mr. and Mrs. Lillie gave a reception at their residence, 301 Polk street, Thursday evening, June 29, to George P. Colby of Florida. Mr. Colby has been lecturing on the spiritual philosophy throughout the Pacific Coast States for several months. He is now en route to Mexico, and thence to some of the eastern camps. Mrs. Lillie in a few well-chosen words extended a cordial welcome to the guest of the evening, and introduced Dr. Cora A. Morse, an old-time friend: Mrs. Clara Steers, Mrs. Sloper, Mrs. D. N. Place and Mrs. Belle J. Morse, all of whom spoke words of welcome. There was a solo by Mr. Calderwood, of Oakland, and some kindly words by Mrs. Greer, also of Oakland. The "Lillies" and Col. Morse led off in a medley of coon songs, and they all joined in. The banquet room then came in for its share of attention which Spirit Seneca controlled the medium guest of the evening and spoke for an hour, giving many words of wisdom. It was a very enjoyable affair, and Mr. Colby may consider that the freedom of the city is his.

Ladies' Aid Social.—The last social and literary entertainment of this society until after vacation was held at Occidental Hall on the evening of the last day of June. There was an overture by Prof. Fedderson, and a story with a moral, by M. S. Norton, entitled "Mud and Turtles." Prof. Carl Sawvell gave a vocal solo and was encored. Mr. Wm. Rider gave a recitation, "I Want to be Young Again." A chorus, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Lillie, Mrs. Jolly, Geo. P. Colby and Mr. and Mrs. Hall, sang the coon song, "Dixon's Pool," and for encore "Hide Away." The floor was cleared and dancing was the order, with ice cream on the side. Mrs. B. F. Small presided; Prof. Fedderson furnished the dance music; W. T. Jones was floor manager, and Mrs. Crocker and Mrs. Cooke dispensed refreshments.

Mediums' Protective Association.

—Last Wednesday evening, in Occidental Hall, this society held its usual midweek meeting. The Vice-President, Mrs. Sarah Seal, was both presiding officer and speaker, besides giving numerous messages. Mrs. H. A. Griffin and Mrs. Davidson gave clairvoyant descriptions, psychometric readings, and answered written questions. President Jones was elsewhere engaged, but Secretary Roberts was at his post of duty. Miss Lena Clarke presided at the piano.

Passed to Spirit Life, from Descanso, California, June 23rd, William W. De Lano, aged nearly 68, a native of New York State, a pioneer in Northern Wisconsin, a soldier in the rebellion, and an earnest, outspoken Spiritualist. The change came to him as a blessed release from many physical ills. A wife and nine children survive him; also a brother and sister, Geo. W. and L. M. De Lano. of San Diego.

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President of the State Association, writes warm words of praise for Brother Bowman, who has been speaking for the society there for about four weeks. We will probably hear his voice in the coming State Convention. He reports the Society doing well, and makes a plea for business men or women to handle the business end of the spiritual work. There seems to be a prospect of a spiritual temple in the Garden City in the near future. The Journal casts its vote in favor of the proposition. The Spiritualists of San Jose are alive and deserve all the good things that may be in store for them.

The Mission Lyccum. — As usual, there was a full house at our entertainment on Wednesday night, it being our regular monthly social and dance. Mrs. Munroe, the chairman of the committee, presided with grace and ability. Mrs. Clarke kept herself busy making every-body comfortable and at home. Mrs. Bacon and Mrs. Peck, with their able assistants, did the honors in the banquet room, Miss Georgie Bacon acting as cashier. The following is the programme, which by unanimous consent was one of the best ever given by our society, and adds another star which will forever shine in the firmament of our Lyceum: Overture, Mrs. Vena Eaton; recitation, Mr. Locke; vocal solo, Miss Lottie Davidson; recitation, Miss Myrl Colby; vocal solo, Mrs. Hader; fancy dance, Miss Mattie Luce; recitation, Mrs. L. S. Drew; recitation and Irish jig, Miss Claire White; character sketches, Mr. Bert Van Cleve; vocal selections, Prof. Carl Sawville; recitation, "The Brook," Wm. Rider; cake walk, Misses Mabel Pfifer and Flossie Locke. W. T. Jones, Conductor. J. T. ROBERTS, Sec.

The Talk on Palmistry, given by "Palmiea," at 34 Golden Gate avenue, last Monday evening was well attended, as is each one of these Monday talks. The subject was "A Study of Character," the audience supplying the subjects. Those responding to the call for subjects were strangers to Palmiea, and the audience was given a good demonstration of the fact that palmistry is a science, valuable because of its practicability. All are invited to attend these talks and receive the benefit to be gained from nature's diary—the hand.

Alameda. — The First Progressive Spiritual Society of Alameda will suspend public meetings during the month of July. Mrs. Clara J. Meyer, of San Francisco, has been occupying our platform for over two months, and has made many friends, giving entire satisfaction to our audiences, as well as to members of the Society. C. A. FORSTER, Sec.

Hermetic Brotherhood.—The regular Tuesday evening meeting of this order, held at 856 Hayes St., opened with a few moments of silent meditation upon "Harmony." There was an instrumental duet by Mrs. Weld and Mr. Heiss, with encore. Recitation, Mrs. Price, "The Lost Chord;" recitation, Miss Minnie Harris, "The Three Bugs;" recitation, Mrs. Rockwood. "Pat's Dream of Heaven; song, by Mrs. Virginia Weld, "The Mottoes on the Wall," encore, "Good Night, Sweet Dreams;" recitation, Mrs. Rockwood, "Wm. Brown and Mary Jane." The question for discussion was, "The difference between the life-germ in the plant, and the divine monad in man." Several answers were presented in writing and some verbally; all were worthy of preservation. The meeting closed with a song by Mrs. Weld, "The Days that are Gone." In point of interest and excellence, these meetings are up to high water mark.

Vacation Notices.—The First Society of Progressive Spiritualists, and the Ladies' First Spiritual Aid Society, will take a vacation during the months of July and August. Also the Medium's Protective Association for, probably, a shorter period.

Transition.—Passed to spirit-life on May 25, 1899, Dr. Isaiah Michener, at his home, Carversville, Bucks Co., Pa., aged 85 years and 4 months. The Doctor was a noble man and a firm Spiritualist.

Sunday Meetings.—Mme. Young and Mrs. Seal have joined forces for Sunday evenings. The subject for last Sunday was "Ancient Spiritualism."

The Universal Spiritual Association discussed "Trusts" last Sunday. Next Sunday they will discuss the question, "Is it possible for a critic to be superior to the object of his attack?"

At the Home of Truth, 1231 Pine St., Mrs. Kemp spoke in the morning and and Mrs. Heacock in the evening, last Sunday. All in search of Freedom are welcome.

charley Ross, who was lost some years ago, and never heard from, manifested to Mrs. Thorndyke of Decoto, Cal., when at the house of a private medium, here last week. He said he was taken to the Mississippi River and beaten by his captors, and then thrown into the river and drowned. He expressed much sympathy for his parents who refuse to be comforted since his abduction.

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#### Divine Spiritual Atmosphere.

For some reason not explained to me I have not for the past two years or more been able to get much coherent automatic writing, though I have often tried to do so. Of late I have given up the attempt, thinking that the powers unseen have concluded to stop such communications, having written for me all they care to for the present. Others have told me they have had the same experience. I am the more content that this is so, as proving that my imagination, as some contend the writing results from, has nothing to do with it, as I am just as interested in regard to the writing as I was at first, only it no longer comes.

But there is still a residue of the original manuscripts, which, for various reasons, I have not thought best to publish, and in looking these over a while ago I came across something, which, at the time it was written, I thought too fantastic and queer to put in print, as I had never heard or read anything in regard to the idea it gave expression to, but which now, in view of later references otherwhere, I think may be of interest to students of psychic or spiritual phenomena.

Mr. W. T. Stead, in one number of his now discontinued Borderland, writing of his meeting Thomas Lake Harris while on one of his trips to this country, says among other things: "When I saw him (Mr. Harris) in New York he was good enough to predict for me a life on earth of some seven centuries if I mastered the art of breathing. I have so far not made the attempt." Then he goes on to say that a Mr. Allen had lately sent him a pamphlet issued by the "Brotherhood of the New Life," entitled "Internal Respiration, or the Plenary Gift of the Holy Spirit," by Respiro, and concludes thus: "If any of my readers have mastered the mystery I shall be glad to have their experience."

The communication I speak of bears the date, "December. 1892." It opens with the question: "As you, who say you are spirits, are the governing power in this automatic writing, and we are only enquirers anxious to learn what we can from you of the spiritual life, we would like you to give us what advice you think most useful concerning it?"

Ans.—"Breathe the divine spiritual atmosphere which surrounds all spiritual souls, and you will now seems foolish."

Ques. — "How may we breathe the divine spiritual atmosphere' of

which you speak?"

Ans.—"Breathe deep and long inspirations, making short pauses between your breath. Thus breathing slowly, keep your mind on the spiritual needs of your higher self, and sincerely long to be the best you are capable of. Then the spirit friend who is your guardian will use efforts to bring you, his pupils, into rapport with the crowning force of the Mind Universal."

understand without words what help anyone spiritually; that it seemed fantastic to me, and would seem so to others should I speak of

> Ans.—"The mysteries of spirit life are not at a moment's notice to be explained to your plane. But there is a pathway to spirit spheres open to earthly pupils by means which to your sense-bound souls must savor of mysticism, because you do not as yet understand clearly that what to you is mystic, is the most reasonable possible between a higher plane and your lower phase of being."

Sincerely yours, Sara U. Unde

MRS. SARA A. UNDERWOOD.

Though this seemed strange, I did try for a few times to follow this advice. The only effect I perceived was in inducing a feeling of rest and quietude; but no other definite results followed, though perhaps I did not try long enough at a time. After I read later Mr. Stead's reference to what Mr. T. L. Harris told him in regard to "mastering the art of breathing," I again asked my unseen friends to tell me something more definite in regard to the divine atmosphere, explaining that I did not understand what was meant. I said also that I could not very well understand how mere breathing could

Ques.—"Will you state clearly as you can, considering our human limitations, something more regarding the 'divine spiritual atmosphere,' in words which we can give to other enquirers?"

Ans.—"When those still sensebound, yet spiritually in rapport with the spheres love-given and sealed as theirs, ask searching questions of spirit friends, true answers must be given. All truly spiritually-minded souls may, while yet in earth-form, claim kindred with higher spirit spheres by obedience to spiritual law which we are bound to make known when asked by sincere souls. Therefore

you may say to such that when they are in a mood of unselfish desire for spiritual help, they may, by obeying purely the hints given you as to breathing the divine spiritual atmosphere, come into direct relationship with spirit brother-hood. This is true of all who are

at one with spiritual law."

Ques.—"Will you tell us the most direct method by which we on this plane may breathe this divine atmosphere?"

Ans.—"Speak of spiritual hopes and experiences such as you and many others have experienced by reason of spirit friendship—boldly, and often. Try to live up to the unselfishness which is the germ of spiritual life, and when you feel clearly that your soul is clean and charitable, then send your most unselfish thought into the spirit world and wait with deep breathing the outcome,"

This advice outlines a most desirable state of mind and a noble plane of living, but hard to attain in a world full of opposing forces and unexpected hindrances to such utter unselfishness. It means the unselfishness of a nature filled to brimming with pure lovingness and helpfulness, which is thus rendered invulnerable to the stings of ingratitude, indifference, envy, malice and ridicule on the part of those to be helped.

But it is a beautiful ideal, worthy to be attempted and aspired to even if we fail in gaining it fully—and so losing that mysterious spiritual "outcome" which is hinted at in this communication. I have not yet gained it. I wonder who has? And I wonder what others who have psychic gifts know of this spiritual atmosphere by way of personal experience. If any of the readers of the JOURNAL can throw further light on this question I would like to see a clear statement from them concerning it.

SARA A. UNDERWOOD. Quincy, Ill.

#### Warned in a Dream.

A Chicago woman was all ready to start on a vacation trip. Her children were going with her, and her husband was to follow in a week or so. The trunks were packed, the tickets bought, and the sleeping-car berths secured. She went to bed the night before feeling that everything was done, and well done. But that night this sensible, healthy, normal woman dreamed a dream. It was this: She was starting on a journey. The carriage came to the door. She put in the children. As she put her foot on the carriage step she looked up at the driver to give him some directions. To her surprise he was the man who had been coming every morning to take her grocery and market orders. She

got in the carriage, and it turned into a hearse almost instantly. Then she awoke.

The dream was so real and vivid that it frightened her. It came back to her the instant she awoke in the morning. She could not shake it off. So worked up did she get over it that she made up her mind she would not go on the vacation trip. She told her husband so at the breakfast table and nearly drove the worthy man out of his wits with astonishment. But he was smart enough to go to work in just the right way to talk her out of her determination. He sympathized with her, dwelt on the great disappointment it would be to the children, and ended up with the old saw about dreams going by contraries. The result was that she finally came "to her senses" and agreed that she was foolish to be influenced by a dream. Whereupon her husband told her she was a sensible woman, and in due course of time took himself off to his

he had done a good job. By and by the carriage came to take them to the depot. And the driver was the identical grocer's man she had seen in her dream.

office, congratulating himself that

"What does this mean?" asked the woman, breathless with astonishment, all her fears returning. "Why are you driving this carriage? Have you left the grocery?" "Yes, ma'am," answered the man.

"This is my first trip. The liveryman offered me more wages, and I like the work better. So I took the job."

You can drive back to the stable; I am not going to the depot, 'she said.

And she did not.. The fulfillment of the first part of her dream was too much for her nerves. She went back to the house, took off her wraps, telephoned her husband, and sat down to wait developments. Even her husband was too much impressed to blame her. The next morning the papers had an account of a dreadful railroad accident on the first page. The car in which she and her children would have traveled had been dashed headlong through a burning bridge, and nearly every passenger in it had been either killed or injured. Then, like a sensible woman, she got ready again and went on her trip with her children. And she has not had a "bad dream" from that night to this.—Tribune.

#### Wreck Foretold by Spirits.

I will relate one of the many wonderful experiences which have come to us during our 15 years' investigation of Spiritualism.

In May, 1898, while the war with Spain was on and we were expecting every day to hear of the bombardment of Morro, or of some great naval engagement, my husband had a vision which is a wonderful example of prevision. He was working in the hayfield with his brother C., when he saw a ship on the water, and as he gazed at it there was a sudden commotion among the people on board, a hurried lowering of boats, a quick scramble into them, and then the ship went down. As it disappeared he saw the name Olivett and heard the words: "Olivett sunk! Olivett sunk!" He remarked to C. that he guessed a battle had been fought, for he had just seen one of Uncle Sam's ships go down. When they came home the story of the vision was repeated to me, and we searched all the old papers trying to find what sort of a ship the Olivett was, and where it was sta-

tioned, but not a mention of it could we find.

In about a month C. returned to his home, 100 miles distant, and finding his mother writing one day he said: "If you are writing to D. O. tell him the Olivett is a hospital ship," and that was all we could find out about it. Material cares pressed on and claimed our attention and the Olivett vision was almost forgotten, when about Sept. 1 D. O. picked up a San Diegan Sun, and almost the first item that met his eyes was to the effect that the hospital ship Olivett, while at anchor in harbor, suddenly and

without any apparent cause began to sink. All on board were saved. and in five minutes the ship sank beneath the water.

In the vision there was no smoke nor sound of battle and no sign of storm, and as nearly as we could tell from the brief notice, the actual scene tallied with the vision. It seems wonderful that a spirit even could fore-know the sinking of that ship and picture it to a sensitive three or four months before it happened. We would be glad to have it explained by any one interested.

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#### Our Relation to God.

"He is true to God who's true to man, wherever wrong is done the humblest and the weakest 'neath the

all-beholding sun;
That wrong is also done to us, and they are

slaves most base Whose love of right is for themselves, and not for all the race.'

Religion is an integral part, and Fear a fractional part of man. Religion, that spiritual food which is necessary to the unfoldment of man's spirit self, as the material food is necessary for the growth of man's body.

For all time men have endeavored to seek, to absorb that food (spiritual) which would strengthen them in order that they might grow nearer to the great Unknowable. It is through his fear that Pagan man apprehended for his own idolatry the form of a personal God, one who was measured only by the fertility of His uncultivated brain. He was capable of conceiving a God, only imaging his own ideas.

As man has grown to an intellectual height, his conception of God has grown with him. He (God) is no longer the pigmy of man's brain nor the automaton of man's will. He is neither the God of peace nor the God of war, but an omnipotent potential force that rules all the universe alike, without respect to individualities. One atom of matter, infinitismally small, is as much in God's great scheme of the universe, as is man, "the image after His own likeness."

This being true, what then is our relationship to God, and who or what is this great Oneness whom we know, and yet, who is apart from us? Is He (personified to designate) the great central source of all life, and are we but scintillating rays of the great whole, diverging from that over soul, expressing ourselves in life individually and apart, and yet, at all time connected with the one great central source? Is it a glorification to God, and individualization to one's self, for our souls to be expressed as they are in the physical form?

Physical Science demonstrates to our mental reasoning that we are all related materially; that all elements surrounding the corporal world are necessary to its growth; organic matter necessary to vegetable, and vegetable to animal. From one, sustenance and strength; from another, food, growth and life; working continuously in the one great circle. 'Tis impossible to think of an entire annihilation of any one atom of matter. We can think of its change, its liquification, crystalization and solidification, and again passing through the changes that will bring it back, not exactly in its original form, but to a resemblance and a relationship to the former. The waves that have once broken upon the sea-shore never return in exactly the same shape, and yet, the waves are ever breaking; they have danced upon the beach since time first was, and will continue to do so when man shall have passed on and is no more expressed in matter.

But this is in the corporeal world. What is there in the spiritual—in that world of which we are inheritors—that world, the base upon which all is constructed?

Does Metaphysical Science teach us of the great Oneness of all life? Yes, so it seems to us. We are but reflecting rays of that great over soul which is God, Good, Force, Power, Law or Divine Breath. We are parts of that One, and as such, our relationship can never be sev-

We see before us a field of wheat. The green stalk, the leaf blades and the chaff are all necessary for the unfoldment of the grain of wheat. Each separate part of the wheat-stalk seeks that food which will give strength and sustenance to its department of life. It may not know that all this goes toward the unfoldment of the kernel of wheat (the soul) any more than do we know as we seek food, knowledge, light, in this physical world, that all our efforts go toward the unfoldment of the one, the ego, the soul.

Again, in yonder tree that waves its broad branches so majestically the soft, balmy breezes of Springtime, upon whose bough the nightingale is chanting its soul, the sweet green leaves are whispering softly one to another, and whose shade brings sweet rest and peace to the weary traveler—do we find an analogy. Do the branches, the twigs, the leaves, realize that as each reaches out for the sunshine, the air, the food to the tree, that they are only laboring for the center, the trunk? And do those anchor roots and the small rootlets which are in the ground, each branch reaching out, striving to find the food which it may need for its own growth, that that, too, goes toward the unfoldment, the building up of the one, the center of the tree, its trunk? The tree is in itself a complete system of life, analogous to God and the human family.

"I and my Father are one. He the tree, and I the branches." As one light illumines another, nor grows less, so one life in the physical strengthens another, but loses nothing by so doing. God is the great central source. Man is the diverging ray, each ray apart from God, and yet, centered in God, one ray the same as another. Hence, as our relationship to God is thus established, our relationship to man and our duties to him are also a necessary part of self, for man cannot injure himself without injuring God. He cannot destroy his brother without destroying some part of God, and God cannot destroy any one diverging ray of light without injury to himself.

Were this well understood by the human family, 'twould not be necessary for us to build houses of refuge for inebriates or fallen women, orphanages for motherless children, insane asylums nor penitentiaries, for the God-principle would so inspire all lives, coming directly from the great center, we, recognizing our need and our fellow-man's need, would work with one great sympathetic force, toward the unfoldment of all men's good. Would this not be bringing to earth's weary ones a glorious millennium? Could we not then say: "I am willing to tread the winepress of life, to suffer its agonies and pains, its trials and burdens, to labor for the unfoldment of all in life, for 'tis necessary, or God would not have sent me forth a diverging ray of Himself." Then, when the physical wage has been paid, and our souls answered the call of God, how gladly would we enter into our rightful inheritance, and be one with the great omnipotent force of all life.

Loe F. Prior.

#### Making This World Brighter.

There is something exceedingly fascinating in the philosophy of Spiritualism, teaching as it does that "after life's fitful fever" the human soul—the ego, the real man

—freed from the clay tenement in which it is necessarily hampered in this phase of existence, will pass over into another and a better sphere, where soul-growth will continue under the most favorable conditions imaginable, and for an unlimited period. I marvel not that those who believe in this soothing philosophy are disposed to preach it and propogate it on every suitable occasion. That much of Spiritualism I believe most firmly, though not yet fully convinced that departed loved ones can and do revisit and communicate with us—though, to be candid, I would be the happiest man on earth if I really knew that such is the case. But be that as it may, I desire now to make a suggestion to all Spiritualists who are willing to receive it kindly and for what it may really be worth...

The suggestion is this: While enjoying the comforts of your religious belief, would it be a detriment to you if you should at the same time give some attention to our present social system and use your influence in trying to better it? It must be apparent to you all that our existing social conditions are about as bad as they could be, and that there must surely be a cause for such conditions and a remedy

remedy. In common with a large and growing organization of honest reformers I feel sure that the cause of industrial depression is the monopolization of natural resources, so that none but a few specially favored landlords, or earth-owners, can have access to the common bounties of nature. Also, that the only remedy for this overshadowing evil is the freeing of those resources, so that all men may exercise their God-given right to apply labor to them, and thus earn an honest living. Under existing laws and customs, land and labor, the two primary factors in the production of needful things, are divorced, for the especial benefit of a privileged class. This means industrial slavery for the masses, and it can never mean anything else, in this country or any other. To so change our laws as to secure absolute industrial freedom for all require the united efforts of all true reformers and humanitarians. If free industrial conditions were established in this country it would be so much easier for the masses to live that they would have time to study the great questions pertaining to the future life, and thus advance the cause of religious freedom. Here is a practical method for making this world brighter, while cultivating faith in the world RALPH HOYT. beyond.

#### Live up to Our Ideal.

Mrs. Addie L. Ballou's excellent article in the JOURNAL of June 8 surely must commend itself to the readers. Yet it seems to me that the fault does not lie wholly with the speakers and mediums, and the nature of our public assemblies.

Mankind always had, without external revelation, the idea of being, or existence: they believe that there is a God. The idea of character, or the idea of attributes and qualities, came next, and it was also an inherent idea. Character brings into prominence the law of opposites, which is the first law of all phenomena. Thus, enthusiasm is one pole of human action and indifference the other, just as surely as that "Nature is one pole of being, and God the other."

Man could not worship anything

that did not have character; hence, there is associated with the idea of God the idea of the superior moral attributes of God. Character, attributes or qualities, is revealed subjectively, not objectively, and is demonstrated by comparison. That is, the character worshipped, or regarded as superior, becomes the standard of perfection. To develop any idea, that idea must first become a *power* in man, and be developed from the inner being, outwardly. It must become authoritative to the will and conscience before it can become objective to others. This character or standard becomes authoritative because the divine in man and the divine without (or the Infinite Spirit) concur in making it so. It is the exercise of "the perfect law of liberty" for both God and man. The higher the standard, the more positive and real the progression of man into the higher life, and the lower the standard, the more rapid the retrogression; it being easier to go down hill than to climb upward. Hence, man gives up, or abandons, that which the standard condemns, that there may be harmony and unity between himself and God, and that the testimony of the human life may agree with that which the Spirit claims it will produce in man.

It is for this reason that the ideas of God and His character have shaped themselves by the objective testimony or revelation that has shown itself in the character of the human individual. For the same reason, the concept of the Superior Being has been elevating or degrading, as man has, or has not, formed his conception above, or on, the plane of human existence.

But this ideal of the Supreme Being had to emerge from the darkness of materialism before the human-divine could be released from his enslavement. This enslavement of the human-divine is "the veil of the flesh," that blinds the spiritual vision and enfolds every spiritual faculty, until they are "set free." The fact is that the divine within us appeals to the divine without us, and the divine without us responds to the appeal of the divine within, both working together for the redemption of the enslaved human-divine.

This knowledge is "the light that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world," and is one of the evidences of the vital relation which mankind holds to the Supreme Being. It confirms the statements of spiritual philosophy that salvation is but deliverance from slavery, the liberation of the soul from the incrustations that human conceptions and interpretations have heaped upon man. The clearer the discernment of these truths, of course, necessitates the higher ideal or conception, and both are operative in a more positive demonstration of the possession of higher knowledge and clearer light. These two go together, and to claim one, and not have the other, proves the falsity of the claim set up. This manifestation of the life and character of God by man, (under present conditions), can be in no other way than through the physical organism, and is objective to his fellowman. Hence, the faith of every man is manifested in the life, and the inner motives are manifested by the daily walk of that man.

Growth in any direction is conditioned upon the perception, or comprehension, of the standard set up. The responsibility that the possession of such a standard imposes upon him or her who claims to have it is not conditioned upon the

standard of others, or upon that of the community generally. How to live up to one's standard is a very serious problem, and one not to be treated lightly, for it holds within itself the menace of a great peril.

"Knowledge is power," and the experience of any man who has put to a practical use the truth that has become his holy object of worship -his standard of attainment, and that has engrossed his whole being —that experience is greater than all the thunders of a Mount Sinai, for it is a lesson which human weakness and ignorance can comprehend, and fear not. So while you and I may have a higher standard, or a clearer discernment of spiritual truth or may not, there is the pressing responsibility of using the vital power of the higher truth we do possess, in ourselves, and showing the rich possibilities and exhaustless resources of attainment open to us.

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These Times are grand and glorious! Stupendous events are transpiring every day which affect the destiny of individuals and nations. The rapidity of the succession of such is inspiring. We stand on the eve of the Twentieth Century, which is so full of promise to the world—intellectually, socially and spiritually. Hopefully we survey the throbbing pulsations of humanity, and await the events which will make the Twentieth Century more notable than any of its predecessors.

Dr. C. W. Hidden, of Newburyport, Mass., opens the Fall lecture season on Sept. 3, at Portland, Maine. On Sept. 10 he conducts a big mass temperance meeting at Brockton, Mass., under the auspices of the Good Templars, of which order he is a prominent member, being associated with the subordinate, district and grand lodges. September 17 the Doctor begins a three months' engagement with the society at Providence, R. I. The directors of the society welcomed Dr. Hidden by a unanimous vote, and, if he should decide not to visit the Pacific Coast in December, they have offered him a year's engagement at his own price.

Scientists Discuss Clair= voyance.—Members of the Boston Scientific Society held an interesting discussion on clairvoyance, following a paper on the "Titus Case," read by Dr. Harris Kennedy. The case is the famous one in which the body of a young woman was found in Enfield, N. H., last November, apparently by the clairvoyance of a woman four miles away. Dr. Kennedy went to the scene of the events within ten days, and talked with all parties, without finding any natural explanation for the way in which Mrs. Titus foretold the exact location and position of the body, which was many feet under water and mud and entirely out of sight, after a diver had searched for it. The members of the society remained incredulous of the clairvoyance, though they could suggest no reasonable explanation.

Funeral.—The Columbus, O., Dispatch says:

Mr. Willard Hull, editor of the Light of Truth, will go to Anderson, Indiana, to conduct funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Margaret Vonderhide, of Cincinnati. The woman died in May, but burial has not yet taken place because of the refusal of the relatives to allow her body to be interred in the Spiritualist burial grounds.

Bigotted relatives, indeed, not to respect the wishes of the person in such a matter as the place of burial of the old body. The spirit of the woman no doubt has at last prevailed upon them to consent, not only to the place of burial, but to have Brother Hull officiate at the interment.

Cheap.—A. B. writes thus from Maine, on June 23, after giving away copies of the Religio-Philosophical Journal to those interested in the Spiritual philosophy:

'Tis very strange how few of the people take spiritual papers; that is, compared to the number that believe in the philosophy. Verily, Spiritualism is the cheapest religion on earth, and yet they are all eager to get hold of a paper, if it costs them nothing.

Yes; but when too late, they will realize in their spirit homes how they have lost an opportunity to make themselves *rich*, by sustaining the cause.

Was felt throughout the State of California last Thursday at about noon, lasting 19 seconds. The vibration was directly north and south. Unlike the last severe earthquake, it started with an easy vibration and gradually reached a climax. The shock was not heavy, but caused some consternation.

Spiritualist Temple.— The Chattanooga *Times* says that Dr. Schlesinger has purchased a lot on Cherry St. from the Mandre estate, and, in answer to a reporter who inquired what he proposed to do with it, he said:

As the spirits guide me I always act. They have instructed me to build a temple on this property, to be devoted to the religion and to the spread of the knowledge of Spiritualism, and unless other instructions shall follow, the temple will be built and devoted to the purposes an ected.

The Chattanooga, Tenn., *Times*, of June 28, 1899, remarks thus:

If this temple is built—and the doctor is very much in earnest in the undertaking—it will be the only one of its kind in the State, and will be solely used for the worship and teaching of the religion of Spiritualism.

The sixth season of Summer lectures at Greenacre-on-the-Piscataqua, Eliot, York county, Maine, began on Saturday, July 1st, and will close on Sept. 2, 1899.

The Clergymen all over the country now are discussing Spiritualism. Some, of course, condemn it, but many more admit the existence of the spirit-world, and some discover the open door for communication between the two states of existence. All thoughtful persons admit that there must be something in the phenomena which attract the attention of leading scientists all over the world. Spiritualism demonstrates, beyond the possibility of doubt, the absolute and proved knowledge of continued existence after so-called death.

Theosophists.—The International Theosophical Society held its convention in London, England, last Saturday and Sunday. It was a notable gathering of prominent Theosophists, and was presided over by Alfred Percy Sinnett, vicepresident of the organization. The most important business before the convention was the report of Mrs. Annie Besant on the Central Hindoo College, an institution just opened, which will send out youths trained in Western knowledge, but ennobled by teachings, drawn from the ancient Sanskrit literature, such as Manu, the Mahabharata, the Ramayana and others.

Bishop John P. Newman, well known in San Francisco, (having resided here for some years, passed to spirit-life on July 5, at Saratoga, N. Y., at the age of 73. While he was not an avowed Spiritualist, yet some years ago he had convincing proof of spirit existence and communication with those in the flesh—having been cured by a healing medium, after having been given up by eminent doctors. He now knows its truth by realization.

Spirit Col. Hopkins was right when he advocated the formation of a Fund, to furnish the JOURNAL to those who were unable to pay for it, and they are many. Here is one:

"With regret 1 am compelled to part with the JOURNAL, the best periodical I know of in the interest of the spiritual cause, so dear to me. I am loth to give it up, but cannot possibly pay for it any longer, so must do without its aid and comfort. JOHN MORSE."

Bro. Morse is both sick and poor, away down in Mississippi, and must not be deprived of the comfort afforded by the weekly visits of the Journal, so we have entered it up to the Col. Hopkins Fund, which, though exhausted, may be replenished by some friends of the cause ere long.

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#### The Reviewer.

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The argument of the book is based upon the hypothesis of the "hollow globe," or that the surface of the earth upon which we live is concave instead of convex; is 8,000 miles in diameter, and that we inhabit the inside, instead of the outside, as held by Capernicus in his system of astronomy. The authors certainly make a good argument from their premise; and as there is no scientific edict upon the subject, it may be regarded as an open question. This theory is the basis of Koreshanity, a religion founded by Dr. Teed in 1870.

Mr. Bret Harte is now engaged upon a series of four short stories dealing with Californian life in the days of the great gold fever. "A Treasure of the Redwoods," the first of these characteristic tales, appears in the Saturday Evening Post of July 8. The series is along the lines upon which Mr. Harte made his first brilliant successes.

Mind for July contains an interesting article from Quæstor Vitæ on "Experimental and Transcendental Psychology," "Spiritual Utility of Physical Correspondence," by Henry Wood; "The Value of Understanding," by Horatio W. Dresser, besides other articles on important subjects. Alliance Publishing Co., New York; 20 cents.

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Camp Meeting.—The Summerland Spiritualist Association, of which Prof. J. S. Loveland is President, will hold a camp meeting, commencing August 27. Visitors coming to the camp meeting on the 25th and 26th of August can secure half railroad fare—excursion rates.

WM. P. ALLEN,

Sec. S. S. Ass'n.



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#### San Jose, Cal.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

I have just finished my June lecture-engagement with the San Jose Spiritualists, and desire to say a few words to the many readers of your excellent paper in regard to my pleasant sojourn with those good people. It is always a pleasure to be able to say kind words of our neighbors—and, by the way, if we can not say kind words, it is a good rule to say nothing. My reception by the society was cordial and generous, my associations with the people at their homes and otherwise exceedingly pleasant, and my work on the platform very kindly received.

The society is fortunate in having an efficient corps of officers, backed by earnest and faithful workers. With the able and wholesouled Dr. Johnson for president, the highly-gifted Mrs. Marcen for vice-president, the genial and fullminded Mr. Nichols for secretary, and the faithful and charming Miss Winchester for treasurer, one cannot well see how the San Jose Spiritualists can easily fail of suc-

The cause there is also favored with a number of local mediums of excellent gifts, and, so far as I could learn, of good social and moral character. And here is another point, by the way, which Spiritualists will emphasize in the future, more than they have in the past. As a science, Spiritualism has to recognize and deal with every type of mediumship, both pure and mixed. But as a religious and social organization Spiritualists have to take care of themselves and keep clean, by recognizing as public and accredited representatives of their cause only such mediums and speakers as will command the respect of the public

Our closing service Sunday night, July 2, was highly interesting, both on account of the splendid audience filling the hall to overflowing, and also the presence on the platform of Mrs. Cowell, of Oakland, and Mrs. Stone, of San Jose, who favored the people with numerous tests and spirit messages of a highly interesting character. In fact, I half suspect that it was this feature of the meeting that attracted such a fine audience.

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Closing, I am happy to say that my sojourn among the Spiritualists of San Jose will be cherished among my most pleasing memories. W. C. BOWMAN.

#### Letter from Tulare, Cal.

TO THE EDITOR:

character.

I like the Journal. I am not afraid to put it into the hands of investigators; it does not hold up the faults of those in our ranks in glaring head-lines (any more than the church papers do.) Such would only make skeptics fear to investigate. The JOURNAL does no quarreling, but presents the philosophy of Spiritualism in a straightforward and convincing way. We recommend it wherever we go.

A prominent business woman came into one of my circles before we left Fresno. After the circle she remarked: "Well, I never did get anything from a medium, anyway." About 5 or 6 weeks later she came to our rooms and said: "I was here at a circle, and you described my son and gave his name, and the other son, too, as well as my husband; besides, you told me that a certain matter would occur (she did not tell what it was and I don't remember.) This prophesy at the time seemed to me improbable, but it came to pass this week; so now I want a reading." Why was she not fair enough at the circle to recognize her sons and husband? She wanted to test me too strongly, and so did not get as much as she might otherwise have had. A recognition opens the door for more communications."

MRS. MAUD CHESBRO.

#### Railroad Accident.

TO THE EDITOR:

The readers of the Journal may not be aware of the sad accident that recently befell brother Albert Smith, who with his wife, Mrs. Josephine Smith, some three weeks ago moved from San Francisco to Clairville, Plumas county, where he took charge of the Sierra Valley Railroad as superintendent.

He started on a special trip, riding on the engine with the engineer. When under full speed they saw a number of cattle some distance ahead on the track. In due time all these escaped except one, which, falling part way through the trestle of a bridge, thus rendered it helpless while still on the track. A wreck was inevitable, and in less than 30 seconds the crash came The engine was derailed, falling 10 feet and landing upside down. Both men were rendered unconscious, the engineer living only four hours after the accident.

Brother Smith, on recovering consciousness, found himself suffering from a severe scalp wound and bruised head. In this condition the heroism of the man is clearly shown. He immediately rode thirty miles overland to the nearest station where a physician could be found. When they reached the scene of the accident, the engineer's body was already lifeless. Brother Smith does not see how he escaped a like fate. His version is that his time has not yet come.

Mrs. Smith is a medium, whose career, though brief and comparatively obscure, includes some of the grandest work ever accomplished in the ranks of Spiritualism.

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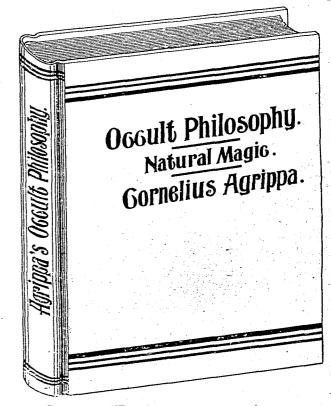
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#### The Brotherhood of Man.

I was glad to read the sentiments expressed by Dr. Muehlenbruch, in the JOURNAL of June 1, especially that portion wherein he referred to the color line. Having borne a portion of the "heat and burden of the day" incident to the agitation of the Anti-Slavery cause, dating back to 1840, thereby becoming inured to obloquy and reproach, how can I be silent, when occasion requires the friends of an oppressed race to speak? Especially when that occasion comes from within the "house of our friends."

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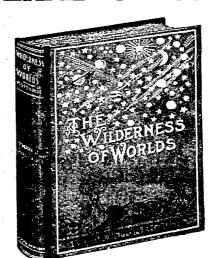
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Spiritual Temple. - "Friendship Hall, 335 McAllister St., has been reopened by Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Meyer, where the work of "the loved ones gone before" will go on. It is hoped that in this new temple the angel world will give many kind and loving messages to those yet on the earth plane, and help to cast off sorrow and trouble, as well as to prepare them for the eternal life, which lies on before. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few.

Mediums' Protective Association. -On account of the closing of Occidental Hall, this society announced a suspension of the Wednesday evening meeting; but Mme. Young having tendered the use of her hall, the meetings will be conducted at 605 McAllister St. Last Wednesday evening the platform A. Griffin and Mrs. Jennie Robinson. The messages were well interpreted, and the audience well satisfied. Miss Lena Clarke, pianist; W. T. Jones, Pres.; J. T. ROBERTS, Sec.

Sunday Spiritual Meetings.-Mme. Young still continues her test meetings at Oriental Hall, 605 McAllister St., and despite the vacation time, the hall is filled three times a week with eager investigators.

R. A. Stitt and H. E. Hargrave held a test and healing meeting at 9A Sixth St. afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Eberhardt held their usual Sunday evening meeting in their new Temple of Truth, 3250 Twenty-

John Slater had a full house at Scottish Hall, on Sunday evening.
Mrs. Henderson always has her spa-

cious parlors crowded on Sunday evening at 148 Sixth St.

At Fraternal Hall, Oakland, the subject for discussion was, "What Spiritualism ought to be," at 2:30. In the evening Dr. Max Muchlenbruch occupied the platform, to the satisfaction of all.

Universal Spiritual Association.— The subject discussed last Sunday at 20 Eddy St. was "Criticism." It proved to be a practical question, and was handled by men and women who are seeking truth. During intermission Miss Lee sang "Answer" and "The Last Rose of Summer." The subject for next Sunday will be, "What Inspires the Effort to Reform Others-or the World?" The whole question of Reform will be discussed, and "habitual reformers" may perhaps have their motives defined more clearly than they have been able to define them for themselves.

Hermetic Brotherhood. - Last Tuesday evening, the regular meeting night of the Brotherhood, falling upon the 4th of July, those assembled postponed the regular programme and spent the evening in song and social converse. "Tis well," brethren, whatever you do, avoid falling into "ruts."

State Convention.—Societies affiliating with the State Association of Spiritualists will find it to their advantage to make a note of this statement.

The basis of representation was reduced at the last Convention: the delegation will be doubled this year. The per capita dues remain the same, 25

cents for each member.
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The next meeting of the State Board will be on July 22.

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Oakland Meeting.—The spiritual meetings held at 1169 Broadway are a success. Sunday, July 2, at 2:30 P. M. there was a friendly discussion, participated in by Prof. B. K. Low, Prof. Andrews and others. In the evening Mrs. T. C. Martin occupied the platform. She is an excellent medium and gave good satisfaction. Sunday, July 9, the possibilities of Spiritualism were discussed at 2:30, and Mrs. H. A. Griffin officiated in the evening: and thus the good work goes on. C. F. VAN LUVEN.

Mrs. Hendee Rogers writes from San Jose that she is now located at the Nevada House. She likes the Garden City and its people, and hopes to remain for some time among them. Their many friends will be glad to hear of the good health and prospects of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, and the Journal joins with them in "holding the word" for freedom in its fullest sense to them. Mediums are the light of the world. Shine!

Mrs. Kate Hoskins, being entranced. gave an excellent address at the Spiritual Investigation Society's meeting at Los Angeles—so says the Medium. She also afterwards gave some tests, which were generally recognized

Home of Truth, 1231 Pine St. morning and evening service as usual. In the evening Mrs. Heacock occupied the leader's platform, taking for her subject, "Ye are the temples of the living God."

Dr. Tanner, president of the Agricultural College at Logan, Utah, spoke for the Mormon Mission, at 909 Market St. last Sunday evening. He is a magnetic and forcible speaker, and after he returns from a trip to the southern part of the State our people will have another opportunity to hear him.

A Correction.—In the account of the reception to Mr. Geo. P. Colby in the last issue, the name of Dr. Carpender was unintentionally omitted. The Doctor made one of the best talks of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dyc, of Los Angeles, spent a few days in San Francisco this week, on their way to the North. They will visit Vancouver, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane and other places before their return to Southern California.

Oakland.—On Sunday evening, July 2, at Fraternal Hall, Dr. Muehlenbruch made his first public appearance in a number of months, and notwithstanding the holidays, was greeted by a large and appreciative audience. Every test was fully recognized, and the audience dispersed in a very pleasant state of mind.
T. ELLIS.

Oakland .- The Union Spiritual Society met at 856% Isabella St. last Wednesday, with a small but appreciative audience. The meeting opened with a poem; then came the Doctor with some very good messages, followed by Mrs. Courtwright, a stranger in Oakland, but a very good medium. This society keeps its door open for all, every Wednesday night.

An Informal Free Social will be held by the Ladies' Aid. at Mrs. Lillie's, 301 Polk St., on Friday evening, July 14. All welcome.

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#### Mrs. Piper and the Scientists

Mr. Wm. S. Walsh, in the New York Herald, gives the following facts concerning Mrs. Piper and the Scientists who were convinced through her of spirit existence and communication with those still on the physical plane of life:

#### MRS. PIPER

is a resident of Arlington Heights, near Boston. Her husband is a tailor in very moderate circumstances. She has two children. Her age is about 38. She is an intelligent woman, but not what you would call an intellectual one. She is neither handsome nor homely, neither tall nor short, neither blonde nor brunette. She is just an average woman—a good wife and a good mother, as, thank heaven! the average woman of the United States has ever been.

In 1882 or thereabout she underwent a dangerous surgical operation. The physician who brought her through successfully was a Spiritualist by belief. He detected in her spiritualistic possibilities. With her consent, he made a medium of her. She was absolutely honest. She had no explanation to offer of the strange powers with which she found herself endowed. She had no consciousness of what happened during the hypnotic trance. When she returned to her normal state she had no remembrance of what other forces had said or done through her.

For fourteen years or more she has been under the close observation, first of Professor James, afterward of Dr. Hodgson and other competent persons. She and her husband have been shadowed by detectives. Her personal luggage has been searched, her correspondence read, her goings out and comings in closely watched. Yet, in all these years not the smallest circumstance has come to light reflecting in any way upon her honesty. Certainly no other medium has ever been subjected to so stringent an ordeal.

And so it was that she attracted an uncommon class of patrons. Educated and intelligent people flocked to her. All were puzzled. Some were convinced. Among the rest came Professor William James of Harvard University.

#### PROF. WILLIAM JAMES.

Professor James hardly needs an introduction. Son of Henry James, the mystic; brother of Henry James, the novelist, he is himself

the greatest of living psychologists. It has been said of him and his better known, but not more eminent, brother that the one writes psychology like a novelist and the other writes novels like a psychologist. In other words, both are possessed of imagination as well as insight; but the imagination of the psychologist, though most restrained by scientific methods, is most in evidence. As one of the vice-presidents of the Society for Psychical Research, Professor James was naturally attracted to a case of mediumship which seemed to invite the serious attention of the society and its officers.

In 1885-86 he visited Mrs. Piper about a dozen times and sent a large number of persons to her, making appointments himself for most of these people, whose names were in no instance announced to

These are the words with which he introduced Mrs. Piper:

"In order to disprove the assertion that all crows are black, one white crow is sufficient. My white crow is Mrs. Piper."

#### PROF. JAMES H. HYSLOP

is well known among educators and scholars as a teacher of ethics and mental science at Columbia University. I was his interlocutor. We were riding back to New York on the express from Northampton, Mass., whither he had retired to take a brief respite after prosecuting a series of investigations into the claims of Mrs. Piper, the medium who is in communication with the spirit world. I had caught him on the train on the return trip, and pinned him down to his chair.

He was reluctant, indeed, to give any definite particulars about the sions and to announce as the climax of those conclusions his belief that Mrs. Piper has opened out to the gaze of her votaries many of the secrets of the hereafter, and has—indirectly and unconsciously to herself—furnished the world with scientific evidence of human immortality.

Professor Hyslop is a student and a logician; calm, self-contained, imbued with the scientific spirit. He can weigh facts. He can determine their exact value. He has accepted no retaining fee, material or metaphorical. He is bound to no creed. He is thoroughly dispassionate. Or, if he has a passion, it is and has been precisely for the unmasking of the very species of fraud which the opponents of Mrs. Piper impute to her.

He has studied sleight of hand. He knows how all the tricks of Herrmann and Keller were performed. He can perform many of them himself.

Yet it is this man, so equipped by nature and by study, who has been conquered by Mrs. Piper. Conquered is the right word. He began his investigations as a sceptic. He came, if not to scoff, at least to expose. He found himself convinced almost against his will.

I may add one thing, however. During the current investigations Professor Hyslop put a final and clinching test of Mrs. Piper's powers. He called up his father's spirit. He asked the latter to give him reminiscences of things that happened before the professor's own birth. The father poured out a flood of anecdotes. He mentioned names and localities. Some of the names were recognized by Professor Hyslop. The locality covers a space of 150 square miles in two Western States. Professor Hyslop will devote his vacation to visiting the entire locality in order to verify the anecdotes by living witnesses. Then his mind will be completely made up, one way or the other.



MRS. PIPER, the Celebrated Medium.

the medium. His investigations convinced him that Mrs. Piper was a person of great psychic powers. As to the exact meaning and

As to the exact meaning and value of those powers, his attitude has been and is very frankly that of suspended judgment.

Of one thing only is he certain: The suspicion of fraud is untenable. He almost wishes this was not so, for if this suspicion could be made plausible, "fraud would be by far the most satisfying explanation, since it would leave no further problem outstanding."

But the fraud hypothesis being eliminated, bewildering problems remain, waiting for an answer. He therefore called the attention of the society to this extraordinary case, with the hope that some light might be thrown upon the attendant problems.

seances which he and his friend and ally, Dr. Richard Hodgson, of Cambridge University, England, have held in Boston with Mrs. Piper. These, he said, are now being transcribed and collated. They will be in a report to the Society of Psychical Research, of which both gentlemen are members. But the report will not be ready for a year. No synopsis would be satisfactory to the public or fair to himself and his coworker. The world must, therefore, reserve judgment for a year. Then expect a cataclysm!

Nevertheless, Professor Hyslop was quite willing to go into the subject in a general way, or give me some indications of the methods of his society, to recount a few illustrative details of the recent sittings, to give his own conclu-

#### PROF. RICHARD HODGSON.

And this brings Prof. Richard Hodgson, LL.D., into the story. He is one of the Council for the Society of Psychical Research. He is at present a sort of ambassador plenipotentiary from that society to this country to examine into and report upon the claims of Mrs. Piper. He makes his headquarters at the rooms of the Boston branch of the society, at Boylston place. It was there that I called upon him.

He boldly and unhesitatingly announced his belief that Mrs Piper's experiments prove survival after death and personal immortality. Yet, like Professor Hyslop, he began as an utter sceptic in all supernatural claims.

"One day in March, 1885," he said, "I thought I felt the presence of my dead mother in the room. I

saw nothing, I heard nothing, but irresistibly the consciousness came upon me that she was there trying to make me cognizant of the fact. Despite the vividness of the sensation, I strove to throw it aside. I reasoned with myself that it was an ordinary phenomenon arising from a morbid mental state. It was a merely subjective illusion. It had no connection with any reality. So I tried to dismiss the matter from my mind. Ten days later there reached me a letter from an American friend telling me of a sitting he had held with a Boston medium, a Mrs. Piper, a name I had never heard before. She had mentioned my name and had directed this friend to transmit a message from my dead mother. It was to the effect that I must not doubt that she had actually been trying to make herself present to my consciousness. Yet even then I could not implicitly believe. I decided the whole matter had connection with some complicated sys-

"My personal knowledge of Mrs. Piper began in May, 1887, about a fortnight after my arrival in Boston, and my first appointment for a sitting was made by Professor William James, who had discovered her. Briefly, I found that Mrs. Piper was a person who passed into a trance, during which apparently other personalities than the normal waking Mrs. Piper 'controlled' her body, used her organs of speech or wrote with her hand, and showed a knowledge of facts which Mrs. Piper could not have obtained by ordinary means. These other personalities purport to be the 'spirits' of disembodied human beings, and make communications which take the form of coming from the still existing 'deceased' friends or relatives of the persons who have 'sittings' with Mrs. Piper."

tem of thought transference.

#### DR. PHINUIT.

In the early years of Mrs. Piper's trances her voice was usually controlled by a personality that went under the name of "Dr. Phinuit," who acted as intermediary in the communications; but of late years the communications have been chiefly independent of Phinuit, who for the last year has not manifested

Whether such a person as Phinuit ever existed has not been determined. According to his own account of himself, given in staccato fashion at various sittings, each account, however, being consistent with the other, his full name in life was John Phinuit Schleville. He was born in Marseilles about 1785, his father being a Frenchman of the same name and his mother an Irish woman. He studied medicine at Metz, graduated at the age of 30, and at 35 married a Miss Mary Lattimer. He had traveled in Switzerland and Australia, and had died at the age of 70 of leprosy, which he describes truthfully and feelingly, as "unpleasant."

"My business now," he added, in answer to a question, "is to communicate with those in the body, and make them believe in the existence of spirits."

Prof. Oliver J. Lodge, of England, for whom Mrs. Piper also sat, has this to say on the subject:

"Though Mrs. Piper in her conscious and normal state leaves on all observers the impression of thorough uprightness, candor and honesty, this only gives evidence that the sitters are dealing with an honest subject and a genuine trance. It by no means follows that the trance personality is as honest as

the waking one. Indeed, all analogy would be against the assumption."

#### GEORGE PELHAM.

In 1892 a new personality in the spirit-world assumed control over Mrs. Piper, though he at first acted alternately with the doctor. It was he who introduced a new method—that of using Mrs. Piper's hand to write his messages, instead of conveying them orally. But whether he conveyed his message by word of mouth or by writing, he usually served only as an intermediary between the sitter and a deceased relative.

This personality is called throughout George Pelham, or G. P., though it is understood that these are neither his name nor his initials. In his lifetime he was a lawyer in New York, and a literary man of some fame. He was a personal, though not an intimate, friend of Dr. Hodgson himself. An accident cut short his career in February, 1892, at the age of 32. Prior to his death he had held a long discussion with the doctor, in which he denied the immortality of the soul, and vowed that if he should die first and find himself still existing, he "would make things lively" in the effort to reveal the fact.

Five weeks passed before he redeemed his promise. At a sitting by Mr. John Hart (pseudonym), another friend of Pelham, the latter announced himself, through the intermediary of Dr. Phinuit. All precautions, it must be premised, had been taken to prevent Mrs. Piper from knowing who Mr. Hart was.

Mr. Hart placed one of a pair of studs in Mrs. Piper's hands, and asked:

"Who gave them to me?"

"That's mine," was the answer, "I gave you that part of it. I sent that to you."
"When?"

"Before I came now. That's mine. Mother gave you that."
"No."

"Well, father, then, father and mother together. You got those after I passed out. Mother took them. Gave them to father, and father gave them to you. I want you to keep them. I WILL them

Mr. Hart notes—"The studs were sent to me by Mr. Pelham as a remembrance of his son. I knew at the time that they had been taken from G.'s body, and afterward ascertained that his stepmother had taken them from the body and had suggested that they would do to send to me, I having previously written to ask that some little memento be sent to me."

A widower, a resident of Minneapolis, had made an appointment for a sitting with Mrs. Piper through Dr. Hodgson, Mrs. Piper herself being in ignorance of the fact. In the meantime the widower made some experiments in Washington on a planchette board and received what purported to be this message from his dead wife:

"All your movements are noticed by me. Meet your appointment."

At the sitting with Mrs. Piper, held four days later in Boston, his late lamented purported to communicate again, and began by saying:

"I told you in my note to keep the appointment, did I not, dear? This appointment is what I meant."

[Next week we shall give the details of the methods of communication, at these wonderful Seances given through Mrs. Piper

to these noted men of science, with a large illustration showing how the writing is done through the medium's hand, and stating some of the facts and theories connected with the matter.—ED.]

#### In the Hereafter.

It is an old saying that "The hills are green far away." Man is prone to believe that the future holds in store for him blessings which he does not now enjoy. He feels that he has been unjustly dealt with; deprived of much which he should have had; made to bear burdens and suffer losses that ought not to have come to him. As a rule, all men so think and feel from childhood to age, and, consequently, believe that sometime and somewhere they shall come into their own, have that to which they are entitled.

The imagination presents to man a life beyond the grave full of joy; a life such as it seems to him would be joyous. To the fierce warriors of long ago, heaven was a place of alternating triumphant combat over mighty foes, and crude feasting after victory. To the Mohammedan, paradise presents sensuous joys that never weary; to some Christians the happiness of the hereafter was to be enhanced by a contemplation of the misery of the damned. In these days many feel assured that death is for all, an entrance upon a scene wherein there is neither trouble nor sorrow, evil nor pain, where all is pleasant, agreeable, good.

What does reason teach? It says: "Judge the future by the past." Do you expect the time will come when there will be no need to plant and to sow? when storms will not destroy? nor moth and rust corrupt? when there will be in all the earth neither flood nor drouth, blighting heat nor freezing cold, but a pleasant, gentle Summer evermore?

What of spirits and the spiritual? Who has lived free from selfishness, pride, envy, lust of dominion, love of applause, hope of gain, desire for reward? Who has been changed in a twinkling from a greedy, sordid, malicious, tyrannical soul, to a gentle, loving, unselfish spirit? How can death thus affect a spirit? Man knows what he is only so far as he has been tried. He is on earth a spiritual being as much as he ever will be. His translation to a realm beyond the skies cannot change his true spiritual being any more than would his advancement to a kingly state and fortune in this world. The meanness of a king is not manifested in the same way as is that of a peasant. The disembodied soul may not seek to exalt itself by physical arms, nor to trample upon rivals with material feet; but it will strive to gain that which it desires; for so doth the fragrant grass, the springing corn, the singing bird, the joyous infant and mature man.

If the past teaches at all; if evolution proves anything; it is that neither material nor spiritual change is sudden. We are of slow growth, matured in the womb of time, the product of infinite ages. If there were no possibility of evil, there would be no such thing as righteousness. Kindness is a virtue because it is possible, and there is temptation to be unkind.

There cannot be an up without the existence of a down, a higher without a lower, a better without a

worse. There is neither in space nor virtue a height beyond which no one can go, while there are regions of which we now know nothing. Nothing in human experience, no reason based upon knowledge, teaches that at death we attain unto all possible understanding or excellence.

A. N. WATERMAN.

#### Dedicatory Lecture.

The Spiritualists of Battle Creek, Mich., having secured the Royal Templar Hall for their Sunday services, have refitted it, and at its dedication Dr. Peebles gave the following address:

Man is not a religious animal, as some Darwinian materialists have taught, but rather a thinking, reasoning, religious being, made in God's image, which image does not consist in shape, or avoirdupois, but in life, consciousness and spirituality. God is spirit, or causation, as Proclus of old affirmed; and man is a spiritual being. The divine image consists in spirituality.

As a religious being man is naturally worshipful. Whether civilized or savage, he is conscious of a superior Supreme intelligence—Brahm, Allah, God, and our Father in Heaven.

Rightly translated, the direct words of Jesus are: "God is Spirit." The spiritual is the real and the substantial. The spiritually-minded are reverential. They are religious. Their life is a prayer. "The fruit of the Spirit," said the apostle to the Gentiles, "is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Spiritualism, by whatever name known, without the fruit of the Spirit, without religion and moral growth, is but the veriest rot and rubbish; and sectarian religion, by whatever name known, in any age, without Spiritualism and its accompanying spiritual gifts, is only an empty shell—an offensive creedal cadaver, that should be buried without ecclesiastical formalities.

God is Spirit; and Spiritualism while inhering in and originating from God, does not center alone in, and rest entirely upon phenomena, but upon spirit—upon the spiritual and moral constitution of man, which constitution requires such spiritual sustenance as inspiration. prayer, vision, trance, clairvoyance and heavenly impressions from the divine sphere of love and wisdom. Spiritualists, like the primitive Christians, believe in God the Father and in the brotherhood of the races. They acknowledge Christ; they feel the influx of the Holy Spirit; they converse with angels; they cultivate the religious emotions; they open their Seances. many of them with prayer. They are richly blessed with visions and calm, uplifting ministrations from angelic homes. They see in every pure crystal stream a Jordan, in every verdure-clad mountain a present Olivet, and in every well-cultivated prairie a Canaan flowing with the milk and honey of spiritual truth—love to God and love to man.

There is a spurious Spiritualism just as there is a spurious Christianity. The Utah Mormons call themselves the "Latter Day Saints of Jesus Christ." Orthodox Christianity has no standard of faith. That brilliant scholar, the Rev. Dr. Briggs, thrust out of the Presbyterian church for heresy, has, without the least change of faith, just been ordained a priest in the Episcopal church. Roman Catholic and Unitarian creeds do not well harmonize;

but each sect declares itself Christian. Just as there are all sorts of Christians, so are there all sorts, shades and kinds of Spiritualists. These have no creed—no formula of faith.

Spiritualism must be differentiated from spiritism. The terminologies of the two words absolutely necessitate, as every scholar knows, entirely different meanings. Chinese, Indians and Utah Mormons are spiritists, believing in spirit communications. Most of the African tribes of the Dark Continent worship demons and believe in spirit converse, but certainly they are not intelligent and religious Spiritualists.

Spiritism is a science—a fact—a sort of modernized Babylonion necromancy. But Spiritualism, originating in God, who is spirit, and grounded in man's moral nature, is a substantial fact and infinitely more—a fact plus reason and conscience—a fact afire with testimonies and beautiful messages from the loved beyond—a fact relating to moral and religious culture—a sublime spiritual truth ultimating in consecration to the good, the beautiful and the heav-

Spiritualism proffers the key that unlocks the mysteries of the ages. It constituted the foundation stones of all the ancient faiths. It was the soul of all past religions. It was the mighty uplifting force that gave to the world in all ages its inspired teachers and immortal leaders.

Spirituality is the substantial reality. And man is a spirit now —a spirit living in a material body, which body bears something of the same relation to the real, conscious, invisible man, that the husk bears to the corn. Spirits are but men and women divested of their mortal bodies. They have taken with them consciousness, memory, reason, sympathy, character. They walk by our sides often, and yet unseen. Philosophically considered, there is but one world, and that one would embrace the yesterdays, and to-days, and the innumerable to-morrows of eternity.

Spiritualism teaches salvation by character; or by the life, as did Paul in his higher inspired moments, who said: "Being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life." (Romans 5-10.)

Spiritualism has not only positively demonstrated a future life, but it has explained the philosophy and psychic methods of spirit intercourse; it has greatly liberalized the religious mind; it has encouraged the philanthropic reforms of the age, and it has given us a revised geography of the heavens and the hells. Mortals enter the future world with as absolute substantial bodies as we have here. only more refined and etherealized. There are different degrees of happiness there. Memory is the undying worm. There is intense mental suffering in those Cimmerian spheres. And yet, God builds no hells; He burns no man's fingers here, damns no souls there. Men are the architects of their own hells; they reap what they sow. Every child born into this world is a possible archangel or a possible demon; his head touches the world of light, his feet the world of darkness. Man, a rational moral being, has the power of choice. Punishment follows sin; there is no escape. Divine punishment is disciplinary in all worlds. Christ Jesus still preaches to undeveloped imprisoned spirits. The angels call, and souls are constantly coming up through tribulation deep.

The door of mercy is not shut; there is ever the opportunity of progress from darkness to light. Better seek, find out and live the truth now, and so have a heaven here on earth—a heaven to-day.

#### THOUGHTS.

The thoughts of joy and beauty, What powers they are to man! They point above the shadows, Heaven and its wise plan, And far beyond the valleys, To mountain-tops so bright; They point the path of glory, Where wisdom is the light.

The thoughts of pain and sadness
So quickly disappear,
When thoughts of love and gladness Come casting out all fear;
When Truth is known and cherished,
Then error flies away,
And sin and pain's grim darkness
Depart—for it is day.

The thoughts of love so precious; Their joy can scarce be told; They fill all things with radiance, And draw us in its fold. Oh, Love, so dear within us, Thou art, indeed, our bride. May it abide forever, Cheering all beside.

The thoughts of life eternal
Cast out all false decay;
They fill our souls with knowledge
Of One Eternal Day. The thoughts of life eternal Awaken us to see That God's eternal likeness Is man's true destiny.

HARRY GAZE.

#### Psychometric Reading.

In order to see if we can discover the philosophy of the science (for science it is), I will open the discussion by affirming that every phase of it is mind-reading. As I do not wish to be misunderstood, I will state, first, that mind is with matter in every aspect of its appearance. Ideas are the ultimate particles of mind: when compounded they become thoughts. When in motion they are manifest in form. All forms are the manifestation of the inner thoughts that produced them. This confirms the saying of John in the first chapter, where he said: "In the beginning was the word (logos) and the word was with God, and the word was God (good). The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made: and the word (logas) was made flesh and dwelt among us. (It should have been translated, like us.)

The word logos means: "The form manifesting the inner thought of him that produced it."—Pickering. That being the case, in the beginning of any form, the thought producing it must be with the maker, producer, of that form, and it must also be with that God (good) in the beginning of that good (God.) This being true, we can understand the eternity of all things in mind, and relatively produced as manifested in conscious form. That being the case, when we understand any form we understand the mind that it manifests; mind then is the real thing. The matter is only the visible expression. The mind in thoughts becomes en rapport with the conscious ego and a part of the intelligence of it. Consciousness is a function of the soul and the foundation of individuality by which the spirit in man becomes

In reading persons, the psychic reads the thoughts of the person from the characters representing the thoughts, which have become parts of the organic-structure of the individual Spirit self. That self is formed by character, let the spirit be in or out of the physical body, and becomes real to the psychic. Now, in a public meeting the medium is under the combined influence of many individualities

whose psychic is individualized in part; enough so, as to form in thought the reminiscences of life, and can be read by the medium as distinctly as though in person. They can often take in a life-time; and by impression by thought-radiation from spirits, at long time and distance, be able to read the life of many years, centuries or ages. Time and distance is not counted. The duplication, like sound, will search all within its radius. Every class of thoughts stamp their form and presence on the body, brain and hands. The hand was the latest organ of intelligence constructed to carry out the purposes of the mind, etc. It is the organ by which the world is governed. Hence, Palmistry, when understood, becomes a science of the soul, and was so understood by the ancients.

Those learned in Astrology and Magic became teachers of the race. In Job 37:7, "He sealeth up every man's hand, that all men may know his work." If men would study the hand carefully they would learn the adaptability for special work to which their minds are best adapted. There is a great truth expressed in the old saying: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from (viz) Train the child according to or on the line of his genius, and he will live and work with pleasure and profit to himself and the world. Man loves to work where genius leads. The poet says: "Study man and you study nature; study nature and you study God." To study man, we must read the writing of thought on the face, hands and general contour of the whole person, and in doing so the mind is read in the thoughts, the inner thoughts producing them. Thoughts are the product of a conscious reasoning and designing power, and is force put in motion call it conscious nature or God, to suit individual understanding. The law governing is a unit or one in many, or many in one—a universal whole. All is mind and matter, and soul is spirit individualized. All substance in particle is selfconscious of other selfs by contact and combination. Teliferism and metabolism become the means of imparting intelligence to immortal consciousness.

Man, as a microcosm, is the mystery, and has been for ages past. A being containing within, inherently, all the principles and powers of evolution, by appropriating and assimilating substance both material and immaterial from all planets, suns, or stars, and arranging the same in systematic form for intelligent manifestation, as was anciently understood and taught by the science of Astrology; and in modern times is being revised and improved upon.

The question in Job: "Canst thou bring forth Mazeroth in his season or loose the bonds of Orion?" Mazeroth is the 12 signs of the zodiac and was the great clock of the Universe long before the Pyramids of Egypt were built, and of later years has become the starting-point of the revision of astrological science. The new old science that teaches the influence of the stars on the construction of the Human. Oh, the wonderful magicpower of the fluid of life and light, radiating to man, begetting beautiful thought. "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of the Pleades? Canst thou guide Arcturus and his sons?" Man as an entity is the one being whose capabilities are unlimited except by time. He can hold in self-consciousness the sweet influences, not only of Pleades, but he incorporates and assimilates the influences of all the planetary systems. By radiation, they convey to him their life essence and substance, for moulding a form designed to radiate in effluvia the substance necessary to form a living soul, in property a fluidic being, a (human) with form of man and property immortal, possessing eternal life, a manifestor of God, nature, law; an exhibit of spirit in form, showing to the universe the master center of ruling force, and an embodiment of all law in angelic form. The mystery is great, as manifested in

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Mrs. Piper. whose likeness adorns our first page, is a medium engaged and paid by the month by the Psychical Research Society, to demonstrate spirit powers, and she has convinced nearly all the Scientists who are unprejudiced, that Spiritualism is a fact. She is not dependent upon investigators in the least, and commercial mediumship is eliminated from the case. Our mediums should all be supported by organized societies, and be independent of investigators, so as to insure the best and most convincing manifestations.

Spiritualist Literature. — Bishop Moreland said that Spiritualism had "never added anything to the world's literature. The Bishop is sadly mistaken. Spiritualist literature has become so abundant and overwhelming that it has revolutionized the world of thought, and modified all religious teaching — even that of Bishop Moreland, who now admits the existence of the spirit world, and the communication between spirits in that world and this, though he ignorantly asserts that all spirits are "bad" ones, when his bible relates hundreds of instances of visits and communications from good spirits, as recorded from "Genesis" to "Revelations." He should "try the spirits" to see if they are good or bad, as the bible commands—but that would be manifestly unnecessary, if they were all bad! The bible is full of Spiritualistic teachings.

Lake Brady Camp, near Kent, O., is now in full running order. The feeling has changed very materially in that section of country, and the churches are also holding picnics on these excellent grounds. The Congregationalists, Lutherans, Baptists and Disciples each have had successful picnics. They are learning that Spiritualists are not such bad people after all, when their prejudice diminishes.

#### Scientists and Spiritualism.

A correspondent asks us to mention some Scientists and inventors who were Spiritualists. Their names are legion. Here are some:

Prof. Wm. Crookes, the discoverer of the "tube," which made the X-Rays possible, has made discoveries which make his name immortal—is a thorough Spiritualist.

Dr. Robert Hare, scientist, chemist and Spiritualist, invented the oxy-hydrogen blowpipe, producing a flame so intense that it would consume a diamond and vaporize the most solid substance. The doctor was a professor in the Pennsylvania University, and he stood so high among European philosophers that Philadelphia was chiefly known to them as the residence of the learned Prof. Hare.

This great chemist, scientist, philosopher and electrician, the peer of Faraday — the crowning glory of the Pennsylvania University—lived and died a devoted Spiritualist. His life, his scientific researches and philosophical attainments, constituting an imperishable monument, honors science as well as graces and adds lustre to the early history of Spiritualism in America.

Prof. C. T. Varley, the distinguished English electrician, was the first to demonstrate the principles governing the transmission of messages in deep waters, and made telegraph-cables possible. He is a Spiritualist.

Edison, the most wonderful inventor of the age, is a Spiritualist, as were his parents.

Science and Spiritualism combine to demonstrate continued existence in the other world. Among the Scientists who are Spiritualists we may mention the following array of talented men:

W. F. Barrett, Professor of Physics in the Royal College of Science, Dublin; Gustav T. Fechner, Professor of Physics in the University of Leipsic; Lord Rayleigh, F. R. S., Professor of Physics in the University of Cambridge; Prof. Scheibner, teacher of Mathematics in the University of Leipsic; W. E. Webber, Professor of Physics in the University of Gottenburg; Dr. Franz Hoffman, Professor of Philosophy, Wertzburg University; Prof. Wagner, Geologist, University of Russia; Prof. Butlerof, Chemist, Russia; Prof. F. Zœllner, Leipsic, author of "Transcendental Physics;" Prof. Nees Von Esenbeck, President of the Royal Academy of Sciences, Germany; Emilio Castelar, the Spanish patriot, etc.

Space forbids the mention of more now. Their number is daily increasing, for the proofs demonstrating the correctness of the philosophy are overwhelming.

Wm. Dorman, Caldwell, Canyon Co., Idaho, was a Methodist, but has been converted to Spiritualism, and invites mediums and lecturers to call on him. He was convinced of the truth of spiritual intercourse through his sister-inlaw, in Evansville, Ind.

#### Physical Demonstration.

In these days, when some are trying to discredit the physical phenomena of Spiritualism, denouncing all of it and calling it all fraud, it is refreshing to find, in the daily papers, a telegram from Stockton, Cal., on July 1, about some physical phenomena coming thro' a local business man there, Mr. Cameron, which dumfounds skeptics and thrashes a powerful policeman. Here is the telegram:

Stockton is just now considerably excited over the development of a new spiritualistic medium named Cameron, who is said to be able to do the most wonderful things. Some of the most skeptical people in the city have been to the seances of the local medium.

One of the people who is dumfounded is Officer Welsh of the police force, who was quite roughly handled by a spirit for making some slighting remark about spirits in general, and was rudely treated, despite his attempted defence. The officer is a powerfully-built man, weighing 225 pounds.

Some Truth in all Religions.

—In the Battle Creek, Mich., Daily

Moon we find that a reporter had a
conversation with Dr. J. M. Peebles upon the religions of India,
Ceylon and other eastern lands,
and he said:

There is truth in all of them. The Ceylonese Buddhists are meditative, the Brahmins critical and exceedingly metaphysical. Conversing with them I sought only the truth. This is the pearl of great price. And to find it, one must divest himself of all prejudice. He must investigate, think, study, and use all his God-given reason. He who will not reason, is a bigot; he who dare not is a coward; and he who cannot, is an imbecile, a to-be-pitied imbecile.

Wonderful.—A correspondent in an exchange writes thus of Yosemite: "They say that seeing is believing; but when you come to Yosemite you will find that even seeing fails at times to make belief possible. The river runs silently by my feet with its hundreds of lovely colors, and the meadows beyond it make you sure you are at Shasta; but beyond them rise the wonderful cliffs over which dashes the fall—the great Yosemite. They tell you that it is a sheer leap of 1600 feet. But, oh, to see it hang there, a great white cloud of foamrockets! The thing is wonderfully exciting."

National President.—Moses Hull has nominated, seconded by G. W. Kates, for the office of President of the National Spiritualist Association, to be elected at the coming National Convention, at Chicago, next October—Dr. J. M. Peebles. The JOURNAL supports that nomination, if a change is to take place, and believes that no better selection could be made. California joins with her sister States in endorsing that nomination, if Dr. Peebles can be induced to accept the position.

Ignorance.—An exchange says that Paul Krüger, the President of the Transvaal Republic in South Africa, maintains, on Scriptural grounds, that the earth is flat. In reply to a scientific argument showing the earth's rotundity, he is reported to have declared: 'If that is true, then I might as well throw my Bible overboard." Neither scientific arguments or demonstrated facts have any weight with bigotted theologians, who have eyes, but see not; ears, but hear not." They look only into the darkness of the past, and cling to the superstitions and fallacies which were exploded long ago. Dogmatic theology has ever stood in the way of advancing light and knowledge. It beclouds the vision, and dwarfs the mind. The language of President Krüger is the same as that with which theologians in all ages have answered the demonstrators of scientific facts. In the blazing light of intelligence, art and science, at the dawn of the Twentieth Century, such ignorance as he displays is truly deplorable.

A Rich Gem.—L. M. Perkins, Denver, Colo., who received a copy of Prof. Francis King's book, entitled "The Secret of Life," wrote to the author thus concerning it:

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Camp Meeting.—The Summerland Spiritualist Association, of which Prof. J. S. Loveland is President, will hold a camp meeting, commencing August 27. Visitors coming to the camp meeting on the 25th and 26th of August can secure half railroad fare—excursion rates. WM. P. ALLEN, Sec. Not Liberal.—Living Issues, an anti-Catholic monthly, published in San Francisco, noticing the message from Theodore Durrant, published in the JOURNAL on June 8, denounces it as a "hoary old baldheaded lie," and adds:

It is time a law was passed, and vigorously enforced, making death the penalty of such beastly lies about persons who are dead and no longer able to resent such infamies.

Oh! how inconsistent! Living Issues complains bitterly of the intolerance of the Catholic Church, denouncing its bigotry and cruel persecutions of those who dare to think for themselves—and then in the same paper it says that those who dare to differ from its conclusions should be mercilessly arrested, and executed—all, forsooth, because they dared to think for themselves, and believe their own senses! Such "liberality" is amazingly inconsistent and diabolical! How much better are such "liberals" than the priests which they condemn?

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In the American Monthly Review of Reviews for July the editor reviews the work of our delegation at The Hague up to date, presenting the latest phases of the arbitration question, with some consideration of its bearings on the present international situation. Among other topics discussed in "The Progress of the World" this month are "tariff trusts" as a political issue, the Dreyfus vindication, the war in the Philippines, the recent change in the civil-service rules, and the newly-elected college presidents.

The Arena for July contains an excellent article by B. Fay Mills, entitled "Between the Animals and the Angels;" another on "American Education in the Ottoman Empire," by Cyrus Hamlin, L.L. D., besides the usual well-assorted list of contents. Arena Co., Copley Square, Boston, Mass; 25 cents.

Mrs. Lida B. Browne will attend the Lily Dale Camp, and remain several weeks. She will represent the Religio-Philosophical Journal and take subscriptions for it, and orders for our books.

#### Anniversary Banquet.

The 64th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Smith, of San Diego, was celebrated with an elaborate dinner, with a special bill of fare, at the New York Kitchen, July 7, 1899. The dinner was given by their daughter, Rose Smith Eigenmann, wife of Dr. C. H. Eigenmann, the noted scientist of Indiana University. Mrs. Eigenmann and her four interesting children are at present on a visit to this Coast, spending most of their time at Coronado and the charming Point Loma House. All the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, living in the vicinity of San Diego, as well as Col. and Mrs. Berry, of Los Angeles, were at the dinner, and afterwards repaired to their home on Eighth St., where the afternoon's pleasure was continued. In the evening, plano playing and singing by the younger members of the family.

#### Our 64th Wedding Anniversary.

We are nearing the end of our journey, The mountains begin to look bright; Very soon we may enter the portals Where there will be no more night.

From trials our life has not been exempt,
But day always followed the night;
Have ever been blessed beyond our deserts—
Our path undeservedly bright.

More cause for thankfulness than repining;
Have seen more of pleasure than pain.
Every cloud has had its silver lining,
And darkness changed to light again.

"I have meat to eat that ye know not of," Said Christ, when his heart was full of love; We also may feed upon food divine, Nor hunger, nor thirst, nor feel to repine.

We get what we seek, if we ask aright; His yoke is easy and His burden light. Brighter and brighter grows our pathway, Till now we are nearing the perfect day.

To loved ones who meet with us here to-day, May flowers spring up all along your pathway, That the evening of life your best may be, All ripe for a blissful eternity.

July 7, 1899. Mrs. C. K. Smith.

Camp Meeting.—The Harmonial Association of Los Angeles, Cal., will hold a Spiritualist Camp Meeting in Sycamore Grove, within the city limits, next September. It is a fine Grove for such a purpose, and the Committee intends to make it a grand success. Look out for future announcements. For particulars address the Secretary, J. D. Griffith, 101½ South Broadway, Los Angeles, Cal.

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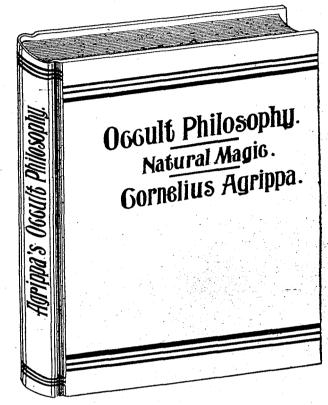
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Before entering upon the subject, I wish to mention an experience which occurred in this city (Oakland). Two years ago a medium was engaged by a Spiritualist society. This society printed hand-bills, on which was the following:

"Jesus Christ will control and speak through Mrs. —— evening; also heal the afflicted."

You can imagine the hall was filled. Many went, of course, out of curiosity to hear what Mr. Christ had to say. Among those in the audience were three ministers and one College professor, who afterwards told me that they were mortified and disgusted. The greater portion of the audience were also disgusted, and expressions were heard like these: "When Jesus was at the age of 12, he was found in the Temple, teaching the wise men, and 2000 years after his transition, (as we naturally conclude with all these centuries of experience in higher fields of knowledge, progression and purity) he comes back to speak through that instrument; but instead of teaching wisely, murders the English grammar." It was so painful to listen that many people left the hall before the lecture was finished.

We should give credit where credit is due, but break the idol of superstition and do away with the erroneous idea of letting such things appear publicly, to drive

away thinking people.

Let us see about these ancient people coming back and giving their pictures upon slates and controlling mediums. That it is the work of spirits when under test conditions, there is no doubt-except when it comes from the medium's own imagination. Some people are, I am sorry to say, so light-brained that they are tickled out of their reason to have such names given to them, but we should use our reason. Once a medium was controlled and the spirit gave his name as George Washington. Finally, being cornered, he confessed that he was not the spirit he claimed to be. Seeing that he was trapped, he said: "No, I am not." He explained that if he gave the name of Mr. Jones, or Mr. Smith, he could not attract the attention that he could by giving the name of George Washington.

I call these cases personations, and, in some instances, "obsession" of the medium. If a spirit come back and impersonates, he is a deceiver and can not be trusted; no matter what name he may assume. To my knowledge, there are scores of mediums, and Spiritualists, claiming Jesus, Moses, John, Aaron, and other Bible personages, as controls, but psychically and psychometrically, I say they are all personations.

Now, dear reader, this may not please you, especially if you have a control who gives such a name; but let us investigate and reason together. Our philosophy claims to teach eternal progression, and if this be true, such spirits whose names we have mentioned, who have passed out thousands of years

ago, and as they were living good lives then, no doubt they have now progressed far beyond this impure, physical plane, and could not, if they wished, come back here; hence we affirm again, it is a personation and a deception on the part of the spirit, or imagination upon the part of the medium.

Dear friends, whoever you are, if you have such a control, be not deluded or degraded; be honest with yourself, and let your reason guide you. If you are of a progressive mind you will see that you have been misled. Read this article carefully and give it your thoughtful consideration.

Let us go a little further. I have found in my investigations that some Spiritualists teach that the very highest spirits have wings! Think of it, dear reader; eventually we have to grow wings so that we can fly! How we are to grow them, is not stated—whether by the aid of goose-grease or some other application. What an erroneous and materialistic idea! It is not natural, never has been, nor will it ever be necessary for anyone to grow wings. A spirit not being a material, ponderable object, is not controlled by the law of gravity, and travels to any point of the Universe with the speed of thought, which is the only motivepower known in the spirit-world.

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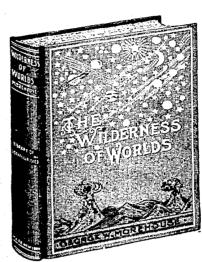
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# Local News Summary.

Edited by M. S. NORTON.

<del>ૐ៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰៰</del> Friendship Hall.—On Monday evening, July 10, the hall at 335 McAllister St. was reopened and dedicated to the spiritual work, by Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Meyer. The hall was nicely decorated and opened under favorable auspices. The audience largely exceeded the seating capacity, but they stayed until a late hour to listen to the excellent program. The exercises opened with "Betheny" by The exercises opened with "Betheny" by the audience. Mrs. Dunham offered an invocation; Mrs. R. Shepard Lillie made the opening address, and gave an improvised poem from the words, "all welcome." Miss Lenora Wilkins recited "Barbara Fritchie," and was followed by Mrs. Clara Steers with cheering words from her guide, Fannie Burbank. Dr. from her guide, Fannie Burbank. Dr. C. H. Riness gave a brief history of the hall since its erection by Mrs. Osgood about eight years ago, then known as the little Arcade Hall. Mrs. Stoddard spoke briefly, followed by a song by Miss Wilkins and Master Wilkins. Mrs. Jennie Robinson, Mrs. H. A. Griffin and Mrs. Gillingham gave spirit messages; Mrs. Clara J. Meyer, the hostess, spoke a few well-chosen fraternal words, and the few well-chosen fraternal words, and the meeting closed with "America" by the audience. Spiritual meetings will be held in Friendship Hall every Sunday and Tuesday evenings.

Sleeper Trust.—The Board of Directors of the Sleeper Trust met at the Russ House on Wednesday, July 12, President Steele in the chair. Mr. W. Vinter of San Jose, appointed by Mrs. Sleeper to fill a vacancy, was seated by unanimous vote. Mrs. Sleeper made a request for a change in the location of the Temple to be erected, from San Francisco to San Jose, and also requested it to be erected Jose, and also requested it to be erected immediately instead of waiting for the Fund to accumulate \$25,000, as required by the trust deed. Some \$17,000 being available, would permit a good structure to be built, and Mrs. Sleeper see it, in all probability, during her earth life. The matter was discussed and approved by a majority, but legal grounds may prevent its adoption. The election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., I. C. Steele; Sec., Wm. Vinter; Finance Com.—Z. T. Croop, J.B. Chase, Wm. Vinter. Z.T. Croop was appointed to manage the prune orchard, and W. H. Yeaw to attend to the selling of the land.

Hermetic Brotherhood.—On Tuesday evening, July 11, the meeting of the Brotherhood, at 856 Hayes St., was opened with the usual interval of silence. Mrs. Francese Rogers sang "Good-night, Sweet Dreams." Then came the event of the evening; Mr. Will C. Bailey delivered a lecture in answer to the question, "What Did Jesus Worship?" The speaker proved by his recorded words, that Jesus worshipped, and taught others to worship, the higher self, or the God within. His analysis of the "Lord's Prayer" was exceptionally fine. There were numerous questions on the lecture, which were answered with a clearness which indicated a thorough familiarity with his subject. It was a rar' treat for advanced thinkers.

The Ladies' Aid Reception. -While the Society is taking the usual Summer vacation, it was thought best to have the members who are still in the city, and the friends, come together occasionally for a social time. On the second Friday evening in July a little company of kindred spirits gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lillie, 301 Polk St., and spent the evening in song and social conversation. Mrs. Lillie was too ill to be present, and the honors of the occasion fell upon Mrs. Jolly and

Found Dead .- Dr. J. C. Schlarbaum, an aged San Francisco Spiritualist and physician, was found dead in his chair in his room, at 119 Third street, Monday evening, July 10. He spent most of his time in his office; was never married, and was a consumptive. He was buried at San Jose, on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Small write from Los Gatos, where they are enjoying their vacation. The letter brings an influence of mountain breezes, singing birds, change, rest, and a general good time. They will not return until August. The Journal is sent to them every week, for, like all good Spiritualists, they can't get along without it.

Mediums' Protective Association. -The usual Wednesday evening meeting, held at Oriental Hall, 605 McAllister street, was well attended, and those present were entertained by Mme. Young and Mrs. H. A. Griffin. President W. T. Jones and Secretary J. T. Roberts were at their posts of duty.

Visitors.—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kline, of New Orleans, are making a tour of the Pacific Coast, for health and pleasure. Mr. Kline is ex-president of the New Orleans Spiritual society, and a prominent business man. Mrs. Kline is a medium in a quiet way.

The Order of Pendo.—Golden Gate Council, No. 11, held an open meeting in Social Hall, 102 O'Farrell St., on the evening of the 13th inst. There was a public Installation of Officers, and a musical and literary entertainment and dance. The officers installed by Chief Councilor H. W. Mathews were: Ernest Duden, Councilor; D. N. Place, P. C.; Mrs. Hannah Morrell, V. C.; A. J. Colby, Treasurer; Mary A. Duden, Chaplain; Helen W. Mathews, Guide; W. T. Jones, Sec., and H. W. Mathews, Sentinel The program was: Overture Jones, Sec., and H. W. Mathews, Sentinel. The program was: Overture, Mrs. Mena Eaton; soug, Miss Myrle Colby; song, Miss Werner; song, Miss Mabel Pfifer; piano selection, Frank Indig; trio, Lassalle sisters and Miss Blanc; address, Mr. C. W. Kyle; vocal solo, Prof. Carl Sawvelle; song, Mr. Emil Penez. Mr. W. T. Jones acted as Master of Coromonics, and Mrs. Mone Fater of Ceremonies, and Mrs. Mena Eaton furnished dance music. The affair was a decided success and reflects great credit upon the committee of arrangements and the Order of "Pension. Every number of the program was

Mr. and Mrs. Dye, of Los Angeles, left San Francisco for the North last Saturday, on the steamer. Their address for the present is 610 Front street, Spokane, Wash. Mrs. Dye is a powerful magnetic healer, and brings health and joy to the afflicted, wherever she goes.

Oakland. - At Fraternal Hall, on July 9, Dr. Max Muehlenbruch occupied the platform in the evening. He seems to grow more in favor than ever, and his tests are always recognized. He will be with us again on July 23. T. Ellis.

Remember that the State Board meets Saturday evening, July 22, at 1423 Market St.—that the State Convention is only six weeks in the future and if you don't take the Journal you don't get the news. A word to the wise is sufficient.

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At the Home of Truth, 1231 Pine St. Mrs. Kemp, of Alameda, spoke at 11, and Mrs. Heacock in the evening, taking for her subject, "Cast Your Net on the Right Side of the Ship."

Mme. E. Young, at 605 McAllister St., was assisted by Mrs. Sarah Seal, who spoke on the subject of "Spiritualism." Henry Harrison Brown, eminent spiritual teacher, spoke at 663 Eleventh St., Oakland, Sunday, at 3 P. M.

At Friendship Hall, 335 McAllister St., Mrs. C. J. Meyer was assisted by Mrs. Jennie Robinson in the evening. Mr. Harry E. Hargrave occupied the platform at 1169 Broadway, Oakland, Sunday evening, and Mrs. Lavina Knowles officiated at Fraternal Hall.

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METHODS OF COMMUNICATION.

Professor Hyslop explained to me the exact manner in which the writing is done.

"Mrs. Piper," he told me, "sits in a light and open room facing a table with a pillow on it. She goes slowly into a trance. It may take ten minutes before the climax is reached. Then her face suddenly twitches to change into a rigid, upward position. with a fixed stare in her eyes. At last her head falls upon the pillow, so that she cannot see her right hand, which rests on the table, and begins to write upon a pad the messages delivered by 'the dead.' When you want to ask questions, you lift the other hand to your mouth, much as if it were the receiver of a telephone, and talk through it, as if it were one."

In the early days before this method of communication had fully established itself, Dr. Hodgson was enabled to make some curious observations, showing that while Mrs. Piper's hand could be utilized by one spirit, another would be carrying on a conversation by the aid of her vocal organs.

On one of these occasions Phin-

uit was listening to the steno-graphic report of a previous interview, commenting upon it, making additions to his statements about some objects, and at the same time the hand was writing freely and rapidly on other subjects, and holding conversation with another person, the hand purporting to be "controlled" by a deceased friend of that person. This lasted for over twenty minutes. "I have frequently witnessed, during lesser intervals, the Phinnit talking with intervals, the Phinuit talking with another, and also the 'hand' writing with Phinuit talking at the same time to myself, and have never failed to get this double action when desired, if Phinuit was present and the hand was being used by another 'control.' In all cases when the 'hand' is writing independently of Phinuit, the sense of hearing for the 'hand control' appears to be in the hand, whereas Phinuit apparently always hears through the ordinary channel."

Soon after this writing began, it occurred to Dr. Hodgson that pos-

Soon after this writing began, it occurred to Dr. Hodgson that possibly the left hand might also write, and that it might be possible to get both hands writing and Phinuit speaking all at the same time, on different subjects, with different persons. After some partial fail-

with Miss Edmunds. Her "deceased sister" wrote with one hand and G. P. with the other, while Phinuit was talking, all simultaneously on different subjects. Very little, however, was written with the left hand. The difficulties appeared to lie chiefly in the deficiencies of the left hand as a writing machine.

SOME POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS.

It must be obvious that neither Mrs. Piper nor her husband could themselves act directly. Their personal inquiries would at once arouse suspicion. Even supposing they employed a detective, and that detective were a Vidocq or a Sherlock Holmes, his investigations would certainly lead to comment and then to exposure. His expenses and his salary would be enormous. He could not work

he remembers, but a great deal which he thinks he has forgotten, till some accident convinces him that he was wrong and Mrs. Piper right. Again, she may dive also into the memories of persons who are not present at the sitting and drag out their secret thoughts. But no matter how you stretch the theory of telepathy to meet the case, the fact remains, as Dr. Hodgson and Professor Hyslop point out, that you must assume an omniscience equal to that of the divine mind, and imagine that the thoughts, past and present, of all living persons are open to Mrs. Piper's inspection.

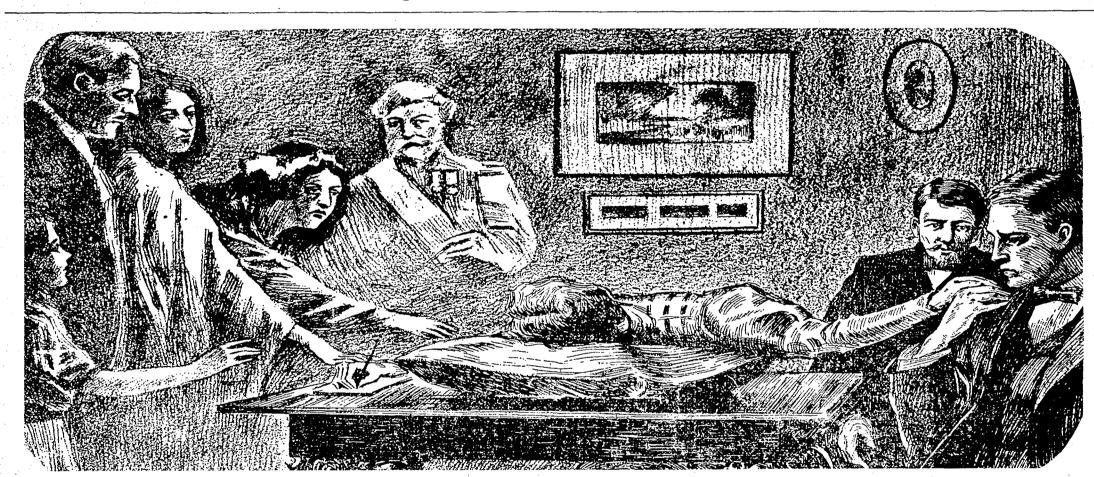
In the earlier reports which Dr. Hodgson made to the society he himself suggested the possibility of an auto-hypnotic trance in which a secondary personality of Mrs. Piper either erroneously believes

He acknowledges that the alleged communications from the dead are frequently feeble and incoherent. But he has an ingenious explanation for this obvious fact.

He suggests that the medium turns into a sort of very untrust-worthy and ineffective telephone wire between this world and the other. As in a bad telephone, the connection is constantly being snapped. External sounds are constantly being caught up and other messages are perpetually being interpolated into the main message. There is a throng of spirits, all very bad communicators, at the other end of the wire, and their mixed thinking or talking is apt to spoil the message.

Professor Lodge himself suggested the telephone analogy some time ago and in this form:

"The occasional irrelevance



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alone. He would have to control an elaborate and well-organized intellience department. Now, Mrs. Piper and her husband are not wealthy. The Society of Psychical Investigation pays her \$10 a sitting. But she cannot stand the strain of more than four sittings a week. Even at \$40 a week the speculation would be a disastrous one. Furthermore, a portentous and impossible memory would be needed to store up the entire mass of facts previously hunted up (by an impossible hypothesis), and to apportion the correct parcel to the proper individual.

The next explanation is that of thought transference or telepathy.

Mrs. Piper may be able to dive into the sitter's memory and extract from it not only all he knows

itself to be, or consciously and falsely pretends to be, the "spirit" of a deceased human being, and further fictitiously represents various other personalities according to the latent ideas of some of the sitters. He added, however, that his confidence in this explanation had been considerably shaken by further familiarity with the Phinuit personality and other allied manifestations of Mrs. Piper's trance state, and that he had no certain conviction that any single theory which had been put forward was the correct one.

The result of further researches convinced him that the spiritualistic explanation is the only possible one, and that through Mrs. Piper the immortality of the soul has received a scientific demonstration.

faintly coming in, every now and then, amid the more constant, coherent and vigorous communication reminded me of llstening at a telephone, where, whenever your main correspondent is silent, you hear the din and meaningless fragments of a city's gossip, till back again comes the voice obviously addressed to you and speaking with firmness and decision."

It is worth while to think out what could be the result of attempting to communicate under very imperfect conditions with a distant friend after all intercourse had ceased for a year or two

ceased for a year or two.

Again, the communicator has very often just gone through the strain of death. He is weak, and his earthly recollections are not strong.

THE GREAT HEREAFTER.

What sort of a spirit-world is it to which Mrs. Piper introduces us? Both Professor Hyslop and Dr. Hodgson gave me their views on the subject. In the first place, both acknowledge that the hereafter, so far as it is indicated by Mrs. Piper's spirits, is not the hereafter of dogmatic Christianity.

Evangelical Protestants will be shocked to hear that there is no hell. Catholics will miss not only hell, but purgatory. Indeed, Christians of all sorts may lament to know that there is no heaven in the dogmatic Christian sense.

The spirits do not see God face to face. They do not know very much more about him than we do. They have their amiable desquisitions upon the subject just as we have. Only there are no atheists there, just as there are no Catholics, no Protestants, no Jews.

Whatever the spirits may have been in creed—Protestant or Catholic, Jew or atheist—they all feel in the next world the continual and imminent presence of the Great All Father as a being of infinite loving kindness and mercy. But they feel him now as light and warmth rather than as an actual personality.

Whatever they may have been in deed, none, even the most careless and indifferent, find any purgatorial fires to quicken them into sturdier righteousness; none, even the wickedest, find themselves condemned to a perpetuity of sulphurous torment.

"There is no division there into goats and sheep," were Professor Hyslop's words to me.

He is inclined to believe that this is as it should be. Both he and Professor Hodgson hold that personal responsibility for evil living is far more limited than people ordinarily believe.

"What we call wickedness," said Dr. Hodgson, "is usually mere ignorance of those higher laws which insure individual happiness even on earth. Right action is undoubtedly better than knowledge. But you must know in order to act rightly. Men cannot be held responsible for their ignorance. Coleridge never said a better thing than when he called a knave 'a fool with a circumbendibus.' A knave simply has some defect of vision which makes him see awry, so that he cannot recognize what is best for his own selfish interests. 'Honesty is the best policy' is the proverbial expression of a universal experience."

Nevertheless, remorse for conscious evil-doing follows the sinner into the next life, and becomes even more acute there. Professor Hyslop told me the story of one spirit who clamored through Mrs. Piper to be placed in communication with a mortal whom he had wronged in life and pleaded piteously for his forgiveness.

He stated that the consciousness of forgiveness would help him in his upward striving in the next world.

For progress is the law of the next life as of this. Spirits develop along the lines for which they fitted themselves here. Only they start on a higher plane. Many things obscure to them have become evident there.

I asked both Dr. Hodgson and Professor Hyslop what attitude the spirits assumed toward Christ. Both answered that, while they looked upon him as a great and good man, they reckoned it blasphemous to speak of him as one with the Godhead.

"Then, if Christ be among the spirits of the dead, did you not attempt to communicate with him?"

I was vaguely given to understand that some attempts had been made in this line, but no information as to its success was vouchsafed. Perhaps this is one of the arcana reserved for the report. And yet, no. For Professor Hyslop informed me in another connection that no one had been able to summon the spirit of anybody who had been dead for more than a century.

#### Possible Theories.

And now that the reader is in possession of at least the outlines of all the essential facts, it is time to address this question:

What think ye of Mrs. Piper? Many theories have been advanced. But every one of them that eliminates the supernormal breaks down, or, at any rate, fails to give an adequate explanation of the facts.

The first and most obvious is that of conscious fraud on the part of the medium. But Mrs. Piper's attitude, according to the testimony of every eye-witness who has spoken on this point, is not one of deception. This, of course, is not final. She may be a consummate actress. Even if she were, however, no conceivable deception on her part could explain the facts.

Still again, as Professor Hodgson points out, spirits must and do differ in their capacity to convey clear statements from the other world to this. Now, it would appear that there is just as much excitement among the spirits over the establishment of telephonic communication with their living friends, as Professor Hyslop predicts there will be here when the facts developed at recent sittings are all known.

In the past, the direct communicator, whether it were Phinuit or Pelham or other entity, was often overwhelmed by spirits who injected their more or less irrelevant thoughts or words into his writing or speech. Phinuit himself frequently claims to have done much work, while the hand was being used for writing, in keeping back various other would-be communicators. Interruptions, however, were frequent enough, both under his regime and that of the more competent, but not perfect, Pelham. The spirit world seems to have been conscious of this possible source of failure, and various higher intelligences have successively been installed in the management of the Piper "machine," until it is now under the full and absolute control of a spirit called Imperator (his true name is known only to F. W. H. Myers in England), who has vindicated his right to the position by far greater expertness than was shown by any of his predecessors.

Imperator has explained that he was obliged to stop the indiscriminate experiments with Mrs. Piper's organism, because it was a "battered and worn" machine, and needed much repairing; that "he," with his "assistants," "Doctor," "Rector," etc., would repair it as far as possible, and that in the meantime other persons must be kept away.

Hodgson indorses Imperator's course as that of wisdom. Mrs. Piper herself agrees with him.

"I think," says the Professor, "that in Mrs. Piper's and similar cases, the introduction of persons more or less indiscriminately may not be a condition for general success, but a condition for perpetual

blundering. We can all use telephones now; but when Reis and Bell and Blake and others were making experiments on lines that eventually led to satisfactory instruments, they would hardly have thought it worth while to let the general public spend their time in listening to more or less inarticulate noises through their incipient receiving apparatus.

"Now, if Mrs. Piper's organism represents one end of a line, the other end of which is in the socalled 'spirit-world,' or if there is a recognizable possibility of this, it seems to me eminently desirable that we should try to find out what will improve the line and the transmitting and receiving apparatus, and, if possible, obtain knowledge concerning the methods to be used in making and improving other similar machines."

It may be added that Imperator —probably with a view to vacation repairs—has implicitly ordered that after July 1 Mrs. Piper shall cease to hold sittings or to go off into trances until further notice from himself. - William S. Walsh, in N. Y. Herald.

#### The Seen and the Unseen.

There are some records of psychic phenomena in my own family which are authentic and which I thought might please the readers of the Journal. My sister-in-law, Mrs. E., has told me of an event which took place in her early life, and which made an enduring impression on her mind. I will give it as nearly as possible in her own words. She said: "My mother was a woman of an even temperament, always cool and self-possessed in an emergency. Between her and my father there existed the deepest affection and confidence. The tie was unusually strong, so that the event which I am about to relate will seem quite the natural result of the soul union of two kindred natures.

"It was a beautiful Summer morning, and my father drove early to a neighboring town, on a matter of business. Full of that love of nature, which has always been my rest and consolation, I had passed the morning out of doors.

"Just at noon, I heard mother call me, in a strange tone: 'Maggie, come here; I want your help. I went hastily, alarmed by the change in her voice, and still more by her white, set features, when I came to her. To my inquiry, 'What is the matter?' she replied calmly, but in the same strange tone: 'Your father has been badly hurt, and we must get ready at once to receive him.' 'How do you know that he has been hurt?' I said. 'Has some one been here and told you?' 'No,' she replied, 'no one has been here, but I know it.' I tried to reason her out of her fears, but she paid no attention to my efforts, going silently about her preparations, sending me for articles which she thought might be wanted in a case of serious injury, until at last I, too, came under the spell, and the horror of strange fear possessed me.

"All the arrangements finished, we took a position where we could watch the road over which he must return. Dinner was not to be thought of, and as the long afternoon hours wore away, the dread of a great calamity seemed to

increase. "About 4 o'clock we saw in the distance a covered carriage with two horses, moving slowly toward

father is in that carriage.' 'How do you know?' I said, in a last effort to free myself from the terror that oppressed me almost beyond endurance. 'He did not go away in that; he drove a single horse.' She only answered: 'He is there; and, true enough, as the vehicle came nearer, I saw father in it, supported by two friends and accompanied by our physician, while behind them was the horse, driven by another man, which had taken him away in the morning.

"He laid six weeks in the bed in which we placed him, and we learned from his friends the cause of the misfortune. He had stopped near a manufactory and was about to leave the wagon, when the noon whistle blew, just above him. The horse started forward and threw him to the sidewalk, striking his head on the curbstone. He was unconscious two hours, and it was just at the moment of the accident that the knowledge of it came to mother."

As each of my readers will have their own opinion of the way in which the information reached her. I will not venture to offer mine.

MARGARET LOWELL LONG. Coronado, Calif.

#### Spirit Communion with Men.

In my opinion, I am more competent to speak on the subject than all the "Reverends" put together, including he who lost \$20,000, practiced fraud and then revealed it,

For about two years past my wife has been in constant communication with the spirit world, but not even our nearest and dearest have had any knowledge of it, for the reason that she has been apprehensive of the charge of fraud, which has to some extent always attached to Spiritualism. My wife and myself alone have had communications. This fact should bar any charge of fraud. The "guides" have almost invariably been spirits of very dear and close personal friends, who died about four years ago in ripe old age, two or three weeks apart. The man's name is John; his wife's name is Sarah. They appear to my wife in their earthly shape and quite close by. In life they were members of the Christian church, devout, honest and upright; I might also add, wealthy. Any Reverend at their death would have said: "It is well with their souls."

They guide us in our business affairs and greatly add to our advantage, evil influences that formerly beset us at every step have vanished. I asked John: "Can you reveal to me anything about the life in which you are? Sarah answered: "It is far and away beyond the imagination of mortals, in bliss and happiness." Then I asked: "Is the revealed Christian religion the only path there?" She answered: "There is no harm in it. Develop the highest and noblest that is in you, so shall you reach our abode." But devout Christian that she was before her death, she could not say that the Christian religion is the only path to heaven.

Professor Hyslop is on the right road. Of this I am convinced, as I have had perhaps more than one hundred conversations with my departed friends. There is no doubt as to the existence of evil spirits, as all spirits seem to congregate according to their affinities, good with good and bad with bad. We are to develop our best and us, and mother said quietly: 'Your noblest, so we may, when we die,

take our place in as high a sphere as our spirits have attained here.

I have further experience on the subject, but of a private nature, which, though interesting enough, is not for the public eye. EGO.

#### Spiritualism Is True.

As publicity has been given to certain statements concerning the tenets of Spiritualism made by Christian ministers and one Scientist, it may be well to bring our side into court, so that it may be heard. We do not apprehend for one moment that Spiritualism is in danger of annihilation from such clumsy assaults as have been published, for the reason that it has met and overcome them long ago.

Herbert Spencer says: "Experience is the sole origin of knowledge." We infer that without experience there can be no knowledge

on any subject.

To the reports published each minister of the gospel in turn declares he has had no experience whatever with the phenomena, and that he has never attended a public or private seance. Therefore, according to Herbert Spencer, he would be disqualified as a witness to give evidence in any court upon the merits or demerits of the case in question. The only statement worthy of notice was from Prof. W. A. Merrill, who shows an unprejudiced mind on the subject, and gives a fair statement of facts as a result.

The general trend of individual thought goes to show that communication between the two worlds is possible and probable, but those who communicate are all bad spir-For the sake of argument, we will admit there are good and bad in the spirit-world. The question then arises. Have the bad superior advantages to the good? In other words, if I have two relatives in spirit-life, one a good Christian, the other a heretic, I can get a message from the heretic, but I am denied one from the saint. I do not think this kind of logic will hold water.

The second objection of importance is that the word of God (so-called) denounces spirit communion with those left behind. If it denounces this, it must then admit the fact that such communication exists. If I am rightly informed as to the tenor of the word of God (so-called), it would be of but little value if the Spiritualism therein recorded was taken from it. "But modern Spiritualism does not come through our doors," they say, so it must be unclean.

Spiritualism is true. We have the evidence in the form of demonstrated fact. Science has also established this fact that spirits return, having good, bad and indifferent characters. There are from six to ten millions of intelligent people in the United States, who, through an investigation of spirit phenomena at their own firesides, have been convinced of its truth. If their convictions were founded on faith and the outgrowth of tradition, as is the case with our orthodox friends, they might be deceived. But such is not the case. We have patiently investigated this occult, unseen, intelligent power which at all times declares itself to be a spirit, and as a result we have all come to the same conclusion, i. e., that it is the living departed spirit of our friend returning. It will not do to say that this vast number of people are all deceived. We make laughing stocks of ourselves when we do this.

Spiritualism has divided the schools of science. Such men as Waggoner, Zollner, Wallace, Crookes and others who have investigated the phenomena are avowed Spiritualists. Those like Tyndall, Darwin, Huxley and Spencer, who have not investigated its claims, are agnostics. But we venture the prediction that if they had investigated, they would have been convinced, for they are honest and without prejudice.

The advent of Modern Spiritualism has broadened human thought and comprehension. It has abolished mysteries in the departments of physics as well as metaphysics. It has solved problems our scientists could not get at. In the department of physics it has shown the origin of light, heat, force and matter, and the primary properties of each. In the department of metaphysics it has revealed the origin of all life and the laws governing the correlation of mental forces among the atoms. It has shown how the life forces under conditions polarizes the individual molecule, and with it constructs the protoplasm, the primal basis of all physical being, and out of this protoplasm builds and constructs the human organism.

In conclusion, let me say to our good Christian and materialistic friends that we know Spiritualism is a fact, and, knowing this, we have no fears as to results. If you have not the evidence, it is not our fault. Our friends come to us bearing loving messages from the great beyond. It is our religion, our hope and comfort amidst the darkness of material life. Your friends would come to you, but your terrible superstition and dogmatic prejudice have shut the door in their face, and as one of your patron saints once said: "You do not gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles," and so it is. The inevitable will not yield to the caprice of man, and it cannot be called into submission to his will. Law is the supreme ruler of the universe, and its decree is inevi-

While the propoganda of Spiritualism is iconoclastic in operation, at the same time it constructs the temples of truth within the consciousness of the human heart. It is aggressive, and will not down, for it knows the salvation of the race depends upon the advancement of truth among the people. It appeals to the reason and judgment of its proselytes, and at the same time holds out the lamp of experience as a guide in place of faith and miracle It remains for the people of the twentieth century to lay hold of this great factor of power for good, and with it redeem the race, which they are sure to do. A. MARK STODDARD.

#### The Oversoul and Mystics.

When the light and beauty of the Eternal Life shines in upon our souls and throbs through every sense, then it is that we truly behold the world. It is alive: the depths of space with gleaming stars, the earth blossoming with verdure, flowers and fruits, the ocean tremulous with waves, the woods with insect life, and creeping things of every form and color; the very rocks struggling to exude life in lichens and crawling plants. The very heart-beats of nature seem to be audibly throbbing. We seem to hear the flowing tide of the all-pervasive life and to apprehend the gently trailing garments of God as he breathes through all. He is

the perpetual creator and re-creator passing from atom to molecule, from molecule to masses.

We hardly stay to think as we feel the living Presence so gently stealing over our senses and illuminating our inward being. It is borne in upon us with an irresistible persuasion that God is the inner palpitating life of each and every creature. Living and breathing in all, painting the lily, perfuming the rose, sparkling in the dew-drop, throbbing in brain and breast. We realize that the very genius of our intelligence is what it is, through this inner light. The divinity of the life within must vouch for the divinity that is above. Intuition senses the oversoul. This divine reason, or insight, which all men share, this inner light must be an echo, a vibration from the perfect, positive mind.

This luminous faculty of intuition, joined with spirituality, says: "There is a silken chain going out from God and uniting everything in the universe, down to the finest dust. All is knit together. Here and there we detect some links of the chain, but to the generality of people the most beautiful characteristics and manifestations of mind are wrapt in darkness." We all share this great instinct of life with the beasts, birds, fishes and insects. The kingdom of life, from archangel to the humblest creatures of the deep, is gifted with the faculty necessary for its place and relation

to the whole creation. Life, created life, "mounts through all the spires of form," aspiring to be man, aspiring to know of God, the life divine, as from the deeps of darkness and matter, it turns again toward home. To the living light, our father-andmother-God. As Lucy Larcom said: "This is the blessing of life to be in the light and harmony of the love of God and to reveal it. To know the mystery of the kingdom of heaven? What is it but to be in God's universe with a soul opened by love to truth; unto such only is it given. Yet we all have vision and the spiritual interior sense; if we neglect them we are to blame."

Those who sense this love, this interior emanation from the oversoul, are the mystics. Emerson, Coleridge, A. J. Davis, are typical mystics. All deeply developed media are of necessity mystical. They sense the impossibility of arriving at truth by any other process than that of interior illumination. "Mystic" signifies one initiated into mysteries—one whose eyes are open to see things which others do not see. All mystics in all ages and countries have believed this true. They believed in an inner world as well as an outer or visible one.

They believe that the inner world is not only an extra-natural world, but that it is the cause and ground of such. It was the cause at first even to every flower and pebble. As the inner causative world, it will endure after this; just as real, living and eternal, even though darkness were annihilated to-morrow. Mystics refuse to admit that we can gain truth with absolute certainty, either from sense or by logical method; they point to faith, the illumination or intuitions of the soul, to inspiration as its only valid source.

Intuition sees without eyes; knows without books; it can perceive without being able to tell you the reason. The oversoul that controls the kosmos is the creative life and father of our conscious being. We know it by faith, by spiritual

perception. It is as a mystic, as one who has been brought to that eternal spirit sunlight, the Love-Light of the All as one, who, in the superior condition, has consciously breathed beyond the veil of materiality, that I testify to you that God, the living spirit of light, is; and echo Emerson: "There is a soul at the center of nature, and no one can wrong the universe."

The love of the spirit within your breast is that of God; cherish it, guard it and develop it.

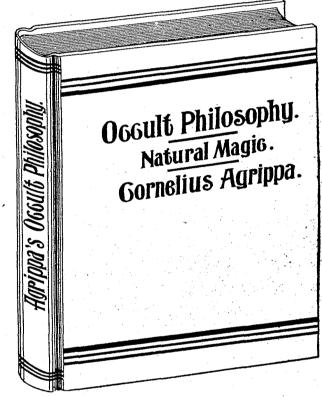
That state of peace I saw, wherein the roots Of new existences are all destroyed; and greed, And hatred, and delusion, all have ceased—
The state from lust of future life set free;
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My mind saw that! What care I for those rites?

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Social Development should be the one desire of every person. To discover the light and walk in it. Material wealth is nothing when compared to finding the wealth inherent in man—the forces of the soul.

The Pulpit is forced by the pews and the spirit realm to acknowledge the truths of Spiritualism. Another popular preacher has avowed his belief in the higher spiritual thought of the present age. Rev. John F. Carson, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, New York, declares that "spirits live in the other world very much as they do on earth, and that departed friends can and do look down in sympathy and love upon their mortal friends." Such ideas as these, he affirms, are "in harmony with the facts of our present life." Yes; Mr. Carson is right, and that is the true doctrine, but its avowal may make him trouble at the hands of old-fogie dogmatists.

Another Heretic.—In the New York Presbytery a commission has been appointed, to report next November, to look into the case of Dr. McGiffert and his writings on the higher criticism, concerning the Confession of Faith, the inspiration of the Bible, the divinity of Christ, and the Lord's Supper. In all these dogmas he is not in accord with the Presbyterian Church; but few honest men of thought and intelligence can endorse those old dogmas, in this age of enlightenment.

Prof. Flammarion, the French astronomer, it seems, has modified his views somewhat and attributes the spirit messages through mediums to subliminal consciousness. But is that any valid argument against its being communications from spirits? Is it not quite often the case (except when the medium is entranced) that the form of messages is molded, more or less, by the medium? This is not only a fact, but is often so expressed by the spirits themselves. Here is an instance:

When Miss Kate Field was experimenting with Planchette and receiving communications which purported to come from her father, she inquired: "If this is not I writing, how is it that I know what word will be written just before it is traced on the paper?" ("I have no idea," she adds, "of the sentence in its entirety, but each word enters my mind before it is written.") This reply was given: "My dear child, do you suppose that I can influence your hand to write without previously influencing your brain? Don't be alarmed. I assure you that you are thoroughly innocent of abetting me in so stupendous a manifestation of power hitherto either ignored or scoffed

The daily papers have been making a mountain out of a mole-hill, in the matter of Flammarion's position on subliminal consciousness and spirit communication. Their display headlines and sensational announcements amount to nothing. He only suggests what every intelligent Spiritualist knows to be true, and what does not militate a particle against the fact of spirit return and communication.

HIS VERY LATEST STATEMENT.

To show the falsity of the reports about Flammarion's renunciation of Spiritualism, a cable message was received by the New York *Journal* from Paris on July 22, (last Saturday) in which he says:

My studies have led me to the discovery of a new proof of immortality. This proof is based upon my experience. For convenience sake let us call it an experimental demonstration of the immortality of the soul. Man dies. Years pass. I then talk to his spirit, under circumstances which admit of no deception. Am I not right in concluding there is a spirit-world and that the spirit lives after its separation from the body?

I have had direct communication with hundreds of departed spirits.

Hitherto all proofs of a future life have been based upon logic, justice and the spirit of humanity, but there was no positive demonstration. Now I have something positive in the way of proof which even the severest science cannot reject.

Men like the deceased Ingersoll cannot scoff at my positive demonstration in argument. Founded on my experience of the invisible world, I am absolutely certain an invisible world exists and that it has many unknown forces.

Talk about things, principles, natural facts—not people. You will find this a grand improvement. An inspiration to higher life, to grander deeds, to nobler thoughts.

Mrs. Eddy, the founder of Christian Science, did not appear at the late conclave of the society in Boston, and it has created quite a sensation in the Christian Science ranks. It is reported that she has passed to spirit life, though it was intended that she should not see the change called death. Her demise is endeavored to be kept secret, on account of the possible effect on the growth of the Society. Her book on "Science and Health" was published in 1875. Her first Christian Science church was founded in Boston in 1881. It is said that Mrs. Eddy was a Spiritualist previous to 1875.

Superstition received a very severe blow in Puck of July 19, where a double-page cartoon is shown, entitled "The Last Stand-Science vs. Superstition." A castle, flying the fiag of "Medieval Dogmatism," lets down a draw-bridge on which dogmatic and antiquated priests, with javlins and spears, venture an attack on Scientific investigation. Their banner says: "Believe or be Damned." Modern progressive clergymen, Lyman Abbott, Minot J. Savage, Heber Newton, Charles Briggs, and others, are manning a gatling gun, loaded with historical facts, rational religion, etc., and offer defense under the banner of "Think or be Damned." It is a wonderfully expressive cartoon, and shows the trend of public opinion towards rational religionthe war between Science and Superstition.

Puck's editorial comments on this cartoon are very interesting. We extract the following:

The situation is not novel. Periodically, through all its days, the Church has had to face it. First it produces heretics; then it expels them. And after a time of protest it moves forward to where the offenders stood. There follows a time of rest, until other heretics push on and blaze another section of the endless path. All thinking has had to be done outside the Church, and despite its best efforts to prevent it. Only in strenuous and generally bloody opposition to it have we been able to emerge our little way from barbarism. It has never led, but always followed. It was as eager to uphold human slavery in this country as it was two centuries and a half before to punish the heretic who announced the earth's motions. But for the heretics it has hatched, we would have no science, no art, no literature, no justice, no humanity.

To those outside, it is apparent that we are nearing one of those spiritual awakenings that mark history at regular intervals. Even while the self-immured Church puzzles as to why its congregations fall off, the people that once composed them are finding elsewhere a rational, working religion that their growing minds demand.

The world seems to be demanding a religion that will help it right here and now. Too long has the Church taught man how to die. He now insists that he is worthy enough in himself to be taught how to live. He emphatically rejects all creeds that describe him as a worm of the dust, with ninety-eight chances out of a hundred of

roasting in perpetuity because he wouldn't let some one else do his thinking for him. He has come to know that there never was such a thing as the "fall of man;"—that man has never done anything but rise. He finds a revelation in his own consciousness to which all written revelation must conform or be thrown aside.

Truly, we have grown better since Jonathan Edwards discovered "Why the Saints in Glory Should Rejoice at the Sufferings of the Damned," or since the pious Michael Wigglesworth assigned children to "the easiest room in hell" because they would have been bad anyway had they lived. The Church may be afraid for our future; but that is the Church's fault and misfortune and not ours. And its anxiety will grow beautifully less when it has caught up with us.

This is a wonderful statement of the case—but exceedingly true one.

Are attendant Spirits bad?
—The San Francisco Examiner of Sunday, July 16, under the heading, "Do the Spirits Attend Us?—Are the Good among them?" says:

It is less than a month since Professor Hyslop of Columbia University and Professor Robert Hodgson of Cambridge (England), announced to the world that they expected to be able to prove within a year, by the assistance of Spiritualistic "mediums," that the soul of man is immortal.

On the very day on which this announcement was made, Bishop W. H. Moreland delivered a sermon in which he expressed his conviction that the spirits that commune with man in this world are evil. His view afterwards was indorsed by many of the clergy.

It then inserted the two replies from Spiritualists, which are found in this Journal—one by A. Mark Stoddard, on page 3, and the other signed "Ego," on page 2—both of which affirmatively answer the questions asked by the *Examiner*.

The Sanitarium at Reed City, Mich., owned by Dr. A. B. Spinney, is open to the Spiritualists, where the poor, the sick, the diseased in our ranks, can have free treatment, operations, care and nursing, provided endowment funds can be raised to have free beds. The doctor offers these beds at a cost less than the cost of the medicine, board and nursing, giving the whole investment—the hospital free to humanity, and the Spiritualists of the world. The president of the Michigan State Spiritualist Association, Mr. Dewey, appointed six ladies to receive all funds, and to decide who were to have the benefit of the endowment beds. They ask contributions to the fund in such sums as all can give. Let us show to the world that our Spiritualism means helping our fellow-men, and giving to those who are in need—in suffering. Here are the names and addresses of the committee, who will receive donations for this worthy object:

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Mrs. Mary F. Ayres, Secretary, Lansing.
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Mrs. Robert Merrill, Grand Rapids.
Miss Cora Fuller, Vicksburg.
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Col. Ingersoll, the noted agnostic, suddenly passed to "the beyond," on July 21, of heart failure. He is not an agnostic any longer. He now knows "what it is to be there." He was a wonderful man, and has done more to enlighten this age than any other person. He has freed millions from the thralldom of superstition and dogma, and in history he will be known as the greatest emancipator of the nineteenth century. He was a noble, generous and magnetic man, and one of the world's greatest orators. The priests hated him, but they cannot truthfully say aught against his character. His noble impulses, purity of life, honorable record and generosity compel universal respect and admiration. He was not a Spiritualist, but he was a liberator, an altruist, a benefactor of mankind in general, and his physical absence will be mourned by a world. His work is not yet finished. but will be continued "over there,"—still aiding in every possible way to elevate the race, and thus forward the work of the progression of the twentieth century.

Since the foregoing was in type, we learn that last Sunday Spirit Robert G. Ingersoll delivered an address at the Zoo Park Spiritualist Camp-meeting, Springfield, Ill., through Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, to 5,000 people. He said that spirit-life was yet a mystery to him, but that there was no moment of unconsciousness. In passing out of the body there was no pain, but a quickening sensation as he passed into the spirit body. There was no flight through space—the two worlds seeming to intermingle. He saw his lifeless form, and stood beside it, and witnessed the weeping of the bereaved ones. His spirit discovered that it entered into an inheritance of the thoughts and deeds of this life, immediately at death.

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—William Steel, late manager of the London and San Francisco Bank, who died lately, left an estate of \$100,000. The closing paragraph of the will reads:

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Evidently, he was not a lover of the priests or the Church.

Nanaimo, a city in British Columbia, has a Spiritualist Society, and a good lecturer and test medium is wanted there, for 2 months or more. Geo. P. Colby was the last medium engaged there; as a successor, one must be able to hold the audiences. Address the secretary for particulars: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Campbell, box 204, Nanaimo, B. C.

#### The Reviewer.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF RELIGIONS, by Raoul de la Grasserie, laureate of the Paris Institute, Doctor and Judge of the Tribunal at Rennes; 308 pp. Paris, Ancienne Librairie Germer Bailliere et Cie; Felix Alcan, editeur; 108 Boulevard Saint-Germain.

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Camp Meeting.—The Summerland Spiritualist Association, of which Prof. J. S. Loveland is President, will hold a camp meeting, commencing August 27. Visitors coming to the camp meeting on the 25th and 26th of August can secure half railroad fare—excursion rates. WM. P. ALLEN, Sec.

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O'er the waves I gently glide,
For Peace is brooding in my heart.

No hand have I on rudder laid;
All my oars lie idly by;
All my sheets are steadfast made,
For Love now guides me silently.

Why should I question and why fear?
That hand I know is guiding me. Love is my sail; His voice I hear, And He directs these breezes free.

His are the waves and flowing tide; He thus is bark and chart and hand; He is companion at my side, His the coming and departing land.

Somewhere I know I port shall win; Some-when I know I friends shall see. Love "The I Am" is Lord within; Sometime He'll bring "mine own to me." HENRY HARRISON BROWN.



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#### Mrs. Piper and the Scientists

TO THE EDITOR:

I am glad to see that the grand medium, Mrs. Piper, has set the wiseacres to thinking. Is it not sublime to see this, in spite of all that has been said and done against the cause of Spiritualism; and in defiance of the fakers who have masqueraded in its name, self-confessed frauds, who have entered its sacred precincts and fattened upon the credulity of trusting people who have gone to them in all confidence for consolation in times of trouble. How could anyone be so lost to all decency as to dupe these poor souls, take their hard-earned money, and then join those who, through their ignorance of all spiritual law, seek to undermine the fair name of our beloved Spiritualism! Are not such enemies hard to deal with? Wolves within the fold who go about in sheep's clothing are worse foes than those who honestly and openly oppose us.

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"crushed to earth will rise again." All hail to the noble, bravehearted ones, who have had the moral courage to proclaim to a skeptical world an unpopular truth. Mrs. Piper has done a good work; and, if unconsciously, so much more convincing to the skeptics.

Mrs. G. C. Perkins.

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TO THE EDITOR:

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ings are, in the main, well attended and interesting. The California delegation are honored with a prominent place on the working program by way of showing the generous hospitality of Oregon Spiritualists towards their great sister

Mrs. Cowell is doing a splendid work with her public tests and messages as well as in her platform talks and private sittings. The remark has been heard in the camp that if she keeps on at this rate the whole of Oregon will be con-

Miss Dora Dixon, a charming young woman also from Oakland, is quite an ornament of the camp, both socially and on the platform. She addressed a woman's meeting last week on the importance of organizing an independent working association. Her remarks were highly interesting and wholesome. Mrs. W. W. Washburn, of San Francisco, has also favored the camp with a very interesting and instructive recital of her experiences in the Hawaiian Islands. Mrs. Cornelius, of Portland, is also doing good work as a medium of excellent gifts.

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W. C. BOWMAN.

#### Portland and Seattle.

TO THE EDITOR:

While in Portland I visited the Lyceum, and had a very pleasant time; also attended meetings at the residence of Mrs. Lucy Mallory.

I spent one Sunday in Seattle, attended the Lyceum under the management of Dr. Cassidy, conductor, and Mrs. Monroe, guardiar. They are both earnest workers, and I was very cordially received. I visited Mrs. Foye at her rooms, and also attended her meeting in the evening.

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Edited by M. S. NORTON. *ૻ*ઌઌઌઌઌઌઌઌઌઌઌઌઌઌઌઌ૽ૼ

Mediums' Protective Association. -This society held its regular Wednesday evening meeting at Oriental Hall, 605 McAllister St. W. T. Jones delivered a short address, followed by Mrs. Sadie Eberhardt, Mrs. Jennie Robinson and Mrs. H. A. Griffin with messages. These are good meetings.

Hermetic Brotherhood. - The usual silence, followed by a song by Mrs. Virginia Weld, opened the meeting at 856 Hayes St., last Tuesday evening.—
The event of the evening was a paper prepared and read by Elder-Brother Weld, on "Reincarnation." Mr. Weld presented the subject from the standpoint of the Brotherhood teachings. The paper was scholarly and exhaustive, and should be printed and preserved. Numerous questions were presented in writing and answered. There were a few benighted Spiritualists present, and the other side of the question was presented, much to the surprise of some, who had arrived at the conclusion that there was no "other side."

Sunday Meetings.—John Slater has cancelled his Eastern engagements and will remain here. He had Scottish Hall packed last Sunday evening.

Capt. H. H. Brown opened a meeting in Pythian Castle last Sunday evening. 909 Market St. He is a fine speaker,

teacher and psychic.

Mme. Young had her usual crowded house Sunday evening, and her platform work is marvelous. Oriental Hall, 605

McAllister St. Mrs. C. J. Meyer was assisted by Mrs. Jennie Robinson in Friendship Hall,

Sunday evening, 335 McAllister St. Mr. and Mrs. Eberhardt held their usual Sunday evening meeting at 3250 Twenty-second St.

A Surprise.— When Mr. W. T. Jones arrived at home, 837 Shrader St., last Saturday evening, he found a select company of friends gathered at the invitation of Mrs. Pamperin and Miss Jennie and Mr. A. Pamperin, to celebrate the anniversary of his birthday. There was a merry time, and when the hour of separation came there were many heartfelt wishes for happy returns of the event. Brother Jones may also include the congratulations of the JOURNAL.

Universal Spiritual Association.— Last Sunday the good people assembled at 20 Eddy St., discussed the question of the division of domestic labor, ostensibly; but in reality each one rode his favorite hobby-horse, just as though there had been no question. Next Sunday there will be a "free for all;" and it is to be hoped that some of the hobbies will be ridden to death, buried, and forever forgotten. Selah.

Personals.—We note the presence in the city of Mrs. M. E. Coleman of Oakland, Mrs. Rebecca I. Johnson of Hollister, and W. D. J. Hambly of San Jose, in attendance upon the State Board meeting.

#### Meeting of the State Board.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors was held at headquarters, 1423 Market St., on Saturday, July 22, at 8 p. m., Pres. Norton in the chair; all members being present except Mr. Small and Mrs. Kallenberger. After the transaction of routine business, hearing and considering the reports of several committees, a Certificate of Protection was granted to Mr. Carl Eberhardt.

The following was unanimously adopted, as a substitute for the resolutions introduced at the last meeting by Mr. Hambly—being a communication to be submitted to the State Convention immediately after seating the delegates:

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22, 1899. To the California State Spiritualists' Association, in Fourth Annual Convention assembled—Greeting.

Whereas, The foundation of our structure rests upon spirit guidance; and recognizing the valuable service rendered by the ordained instruments selected to be mediums of communication between the two worlds, we do hereby recommend, that immediately after organiza-tion, your honorable body enact an amendment to Article IV of our Constitution, by adding after the words, "Delegates from auxiliary societies," the words, "and mediums holding valid certificates of ordination, endorsement, or

protection, from this Association."

Also add to Sec. 1, Art. V of the ByLaws, these words: "The certificates of endorsed mediums, accompanied by a receipt for dues to date in an auxiliary society, shall be their credentials.

This action will make our endorsed mediums delegates to all conventions; will strengthen the cause, and be an act of justice which will be appreciated on both sides of life. By order of the Board of Directors. Thos. G. NEWMAN, Sec.

The President and Secretary were directed to issue the official call for the State Convention, and a committee, consisting of the president, secretary, treasurer, Mr. Wadsworth and Mrs. Robinson, was appointed to make all necessary arrangements therefor and were clothed with ample powers to do the work.

The necessary blank reports and credentials for representatives were ordered to be forwarded by the Secretary to all auxiliary societies, to be filled up and returned, as required by Articles IV and V of the By-Laws and Article VI of the Constitution.

Adjourned at 10:30 P. M. THOS. G. NEWMAN, Sec.

Passed to Spirit Life, on the 17th lnst., Hallie Bryson, aged 17 years and 10 months. The funeral services were held on Wednesday, the 19th, at his late home, 385 Jersey St., under the auspices of the Mission Progressive Lyceum, W. T. Jones, conductor, officiating, after appropriate remarks. He was assisted by several members of the Lyceum. using the beautiful burial service found in the Lyceum Guide.

Lectures on Palmistry.—The Monday evening lectures on Cheirosophy, by Palmiea, are becoming very popular, the audiences having grown to such an extent that the lecturer has been forced to move into larger quarters. The new address is 301 Polk St., corner of Fulton. These lectures are given gratis, and are doing a great deal towards the uplifting of the science and the good of the people.

On the Quiet.—There is going to be a mammoth reception to delegates the night before the Convention. More about it next week.

Lyceum Party.—The Mission Lyceum Party for July will be held on Wednesday evening, July 26, at Excelsior Hall, Mission St., between Nineteenth and Twentieth.

**Examine** these columns carefully for Convention news. It is five weeks off. and already there are indications that it will be the largest and most important in the history of the State. The conspiracy to destroy the State organization has failed, and those who gave aid and comfort to the enemy will be remembered with an everlasting remembrance.

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